Howe appeals for loyalty

Heseltine in new pledge on Thatcher

By Philip Webster and Robin Oakley

all too easily succumb to each

Mr Heseltine's carefully-drafted 160-word statement

Conservative government."

opponents of failing to do in

The past.

say something.

successive call to interfere.

THE PRIME Minister free market but in reality "itch will lead the Conser- to pull levers and throw vatives into the next elec- switches to intervene" would vatives into the next election and win it, Mr Michael Heseltine predicted last night.

The former Cabinet minister declared that no one had done more than he to support the election of Mrs Thatcher's three governments, and no one would strive harder to secure a fourth term. But his declaration fell short of a personal endorsement for the Prime Minister.

Mr Heseltine's unexpected intervention in the growing speculation about the Conservative Party leadership in the wake of the Mid Staffordshire by-election defeat last Thursday and a welter of adverse opinion polls came after an appeal from Sir Geoffrey Howe that be should declare his support for Mrs Thatcher.

At the same time, senior ministers predicted privately that Mr Heseltine's emergence as the favourite to succeed her would strengthen her resolve to stay on and fight the next election. "She will never hand the party over to Michael," a senior Cabinet source said.

Another minister, Mr Michacl Howard, issued a veiled criticism of Mr Heseltine known differences and the fact that he did not vote for her in the leadership election when he warned of the dangers of the Government adopting a last autumn, but it was seen as an attempt to calm the interventionist

The Secretary of State for Employment had Mr Heseltine clearly in his sights when he told the Adam Smith Institute that those who proclaimed their adherence to the

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Centre-right received the Hungary win

Hungarian voters resoundingly rejected hard-line communism in Sunday's first free multi-party election in 45

They chose instead ocw centre-right oppositioo parties which have promised to return the country to a market economy and western democratic values....

Private profits

Companies once seen as ugly ducklings have emerged as profitable swans under the Government's privatization programme, including Eoterprise Oil and British Telecom. according to a survey of profits and pay Pages 6,28

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Hertfordshire Fraud Squad is iovestigating and accountants have been called in to a charity which uses telephone sales techniques to raise money for underprivileged Third World

Share upset

Share dealings in London United Investments, where Prince Michael of Kent is a director, were suspended yesterday after an actuarial report exposed "financial uncertaioties" in its Walbrook Insurance subsidiary Page 23

Happy ship

Lawrie Smith, the skipper of Rothmans, reports sky-high morale on board the British yacht after she lcapt from eighth place to first by exploiting the strong trade winds nift the Brazilian coast in the fifth les of the Whitbresd Rnund the World Race Page 42

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"Christian" beliefs centuries before the birth of Chirst.

tine should stand up and declare openly that he sup-ported Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey replied: "I think that was issued after talks with is right, ye Several Conservative MPs had hoped to hear from Mr

Asked whether Mr Hesel

allies at Westminster. It said: "No one did more to support the election of Mrs Thatcher's first government when I launched the first Heseltine last night that he was available to serve again in privatizatioo programme of the Government. There have council houses sales. No one been calls for him to be made party chairman to replace Mr Kenneth Baker, who yesterday did more to support the election of Mrs Thatcher's had a a 45-minute meeting second government when as Secretary of State for Defence with the Prime Minister to

I led the battle against CND. discuss strategy. "No one did more as a Afterwards, Mrs Thatcher's backbencher to support the confidence in Mr Baker was election of Mrs Thatcher's made plain and it was emphathird government when I spoke in 108 constituencies. sized there would be no change in the chairmanship.

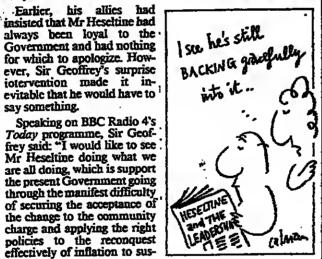
Senior Cabinet ministers "I have repeatedly said I believe Mrs Thatcher will lead maintained yesterday that the the Conservative Party into air of crisis surrounding the the next election and that the Government had been fed by the media. They are braced for Conservative Party will win it. continuing difficulties up to If I am proved right in those forecasts, my colleagues know and beyond the May local oo ooe will strive harder to elections, but expect a much quieter parliamentary timesecure a fourth term of table in June and July - a time when Conservative MPs have The absence in the statement of any praise for Mrs proved restless in the past - to Thatcher was noted at Westease the pressure on the Government. But there is a minster last night but caused little surprise, given their growing acceptance that the next general election cannot

Senior ministers are also determined that Conservative feverish speculation about his MPs should be brought fully into the reassessment of the community charge that is Although Mr Heseltine has never dispused his legitles bear or rain to follow this year's ambitions, he is anxious to painful introduction. Party avoid charges of splitting the strategists are concerned that party. It was noted last night MPs are showing less coolness that he had mentioned Mrs under fire than activists in the Thatcher by name several country. One way of tackling this will be to improve times in his statement, something he has been accused by consultation.

take place until the antumn of

1991 at the earliest.

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Lawson warning on delayed ERM entry

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

to early entry into the ex-change rate mechanism of the European Monetary System, warning that the Government's commitment against inflatioo was at risk.

The former Chancellor of the Exchequer described Britain's non-membership as "an exposed flank" and suggested the timetable envisaged by the Government might be "too leisurely for the circumstances io which we find ourselves".

Mr John Major, the Chan-cellor, said in the Budget

MR NIGEL LAWSON yes- speech last week that the terday intensified the pressure conditions for joining the on the Prime Minister to agree ERM stood, remarks which gave the impression that

Britain might join next year. Mr Lawson's differences with Mrs Margaret Thatcher on the EMS led to his depar-

ture from office last October. Io the Budget debate yesterday he said Conservative policies had brought unparalleled improvements. That would continue only if the exposed flank was protected, which meant early entry.

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Tear gas breaks up Sharpeville protest



African demonstrators fleeing tear gas fired by police at an illegal march in protest against conditions in Sharpeville yesterday

Deaths threaten Pretoria talks

From Gavin Bell Johannesburg

NEGOTIATIONS between the South African Government and the African National Congress have been jeopardized by yesterday's clashes between police and huge crowds of dem-onstrators, in which at least two people died and about 300 were injured, and guerrilla attacks in black townships.

Most of the casualties were m Sebokeng, south of the city, which resembled a battl after police opened fire with shotguns on tens of thousands of people protesting against high rents and racially segregated town councils. The order to fire was given by senior officers at the scene when the crowd ignored a indicial ban on the de-

monstration. At one point panic-stricken blacks stumbled over the bodies of others hit by birdshot and rubber bullets in their haste to flee. Hospital workers said most of the casualties had been shot in the back.

An interim police report late yesterday said: "The situation is volatile, with police coming under constant attack, mainly by stone-throwing mobs. It is impossible to furnish reliable casualty figmes, but we can confirm a number of people injured, including two policemen."

Guerrillas meanwhile attacked council offices in Soweto and a cearby power station with rocket-propelled grenades and limpet mines, but nobody was injured.

Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Minister of Law and Order, appealed for calm after touring the trouble spots, which included Sharpeville. He expressed particular concern about white vigilante groups being formed in the Orange Free State town of Welkom, and reports of blacks being beaten with whips and clubs.

"This can be very dangerons, and will solve nothing," he said. "It can only lead to further problems, so I would request the public to allow the police and security forces to deal with the situation."

Bush warns against force in Lithuania

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow, and Anatol Lieven, Vilnius

all opportunities for future cooperation with the United States will be jeopardized if Moscow uses force in Lithusnia. The warning, later repeated in Washington by Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, was conveyed by Senator Edward Kennedy in a 90-minute meeting with President Gorbachov

in the Kremlin yesterday. According to the senator, who is making what is technically a private visit to Moscow, Mr Gorbachov had reiterated his commitment to resolve the situation in Lithuania peacefully and in accordance with the Soviet

Constitution. He was said to have qualified his assurances for the first time, however, by indicating that force might be used "if lives were threatened". There has been speculation that the Soviet leadership could use a real or imagined threat to the safety of ethnic Russians in the republic as a pretext for

all-out military intervention. Mr Kennedy said his discussion with Mr Gorbachov had been dominated by

PRESIDENT Bush has Lithuania and that the Soviet warned the Soviet leader that leader had set out the areas of conflict between Moscow and Lithuania in detail.

He denied that he had been entrusted with any special message by the US Administration, but said he had met President Bush immediately before coming to Moscow and that the President had made clear his views on Lithuania.

Mr Kennedy said he was optimistic the opportunities for co-operation with the Soviet Union "not only in arms control, but in economic human rights"

Senator Kennedy: Carrying a message to the Kremlin

would not be lost. But be said the world's perception of President Gorbachov would be undermined by the use of force. It would "also hinder in an important and significant way a number of potential opportunities in the areas of trade, arms control and scien-

tific and technical exchanges". Meanwhile, the outcome of talks between the Lithuanian leadership of President Lands-bergis and Soviet officers in Vilnius yesterday was initially reported to be an agreement that oo further action would

be taken without consultation. However, President Lands bergis said later: "We have not received clear assurances about which buildings might be occupied in future or that movement of troops will be notified in advance to enable us to calm down our people."

Foreign journalists based in Moscow were still prevented from travelling to Vilnius yesterday, but those aiready there were not being required

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Bishop drops out of race

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Editor

THE BISHOP of Oxford, one of the most favoured candidates to succeed the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, disowned any ambition in the matter

yesterday. Bishop Richard Harries who is no stranger to Lambeth Palace as one of Dr Runcie's speech-writers, said: "I don't want the job, and I don't think it's appropriate for me or any other bishop to speculate on

Dr Runcie announced on Sunday that he was retiring from the end of next January, which started the process for

selecting a successor. Noue of the other possible contenders entered the lists yesterday, though recent remarks from the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Robert Eames, were taken as a clear hint of

Asked on a radio programme last week about succeeding Dr Runcie, be said: 'It is not for anyone to say Continued on page 22, col 5

his hopes.

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Ministers face new tax anger

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

newed backbench Tory protests over the implementation of the community charge.

MPs were due to vote oo a Labour resolution rejecting the Government's plans to cushion the introduction of the poll tax through transitional relief worth £810 million over three years.

Labour engineered the 90minute late-night debate not to wreck the the scheme but to highlight ministers' difficulties over the reform. A number of Tory MPs seeking more generous subsidies were expected to rebel against the Government

The three-year transitional relief scheme is aimed at Protest deaths, page 11 | helping people living in low-

MINISTERS were last night rated property faced with a bracing themselves for re-sharp rise in payments after the switch from rates to the community charge. It is in-tended to ensure that increases are held to no more than £3 a

> However, the additional help is available only up to the notional poll tax determined in Whitehall for local authorities and does oot cover community charges exceeding

> Because so many councils are spending well above the Government's targets, many people will find that their bills will rise by much more than the theoretical maximum of £156 a year.

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just a vast improvement.

Appliance of science to the Dead Sea Scrolls

By Norman Hammond Archaeology Correspondent

THE DEAD Sea Scrolls, one of the greatest surviving archives of the Holy Land, are soon to be carbon-dated, more than 40 years after their discovery to desert caves in Palestine. The dating process will, it is hoped, help settle a dispute among scholars

that places the scrolls at two different times nearly four centuries apart. Since the scrolls include the earliest known texts of some of the books of the Bible, the dating process, and its resolution, will prove to be of interest in Christians, Muslims and Jews alike, and may settle the question of whether the Essencs, a mysterious sect living in ancient Palestine, held

Nearly 800 papyrus and leather

scrolls have survived, and Mr Magen Broshi, a custodian of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, where some of the documents are on display, said at least a dozen would be dated.

Some experts believe they were written after the birth of Christ by his early followers in Palestine. But the majority of biblical scholars believe that the scrolls dated to the second or third century BC and were written by the esoteric Essene sect. Mr Broshi, however, said this assessment was based on a study of ancient handwriting styles and oot on any independent scientific method. "We will now see if physics agrees with this," he said.

Professor Geza Vermes, a professor of Jewish Studies at Oxford University, said yesterday that it was believed that the scrolls were a collection of documents hidden in about AD 66 to 70 during the first large Jewish revolution against the Romans.

"I would greatly welcome any greater precision in dating these scrolls," said Professor Vermes. "However, the carbon-dating will not necessarily solve the problem once and for all because the documents were compiled over centuries, most written in 300 BC and others only completed in the first century AD."

The dating has been thought necessary because of the claim by critics, such as Professor Robert Eisenman, of California State University, that the unpublished scrolls were the product of early Christian groups. Professor Eisenman and his colleagues believe that certain phrases commonly used in the early Church, together with what they interpret as cryptic references to Herod the Great, who lived in the first century BC, prove the later dating. Although none of the scrolls has been carbon-dated before, part of the linen wrappings of one was dated more than 30 years ago. It gave an age of AD 33 plus or minus

200 years, too imprecise to be of use. The oew investigation will employ a technique known as accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS), in which the remaining atoms of carbon-14 are

counted directly. The method will require a piece of parchment nuly the size of a postage stamp and may give a result accurate to within 50 years. The Israel Antiquities Aothority expects work to begin at a laboratory in Europe within the

coming weeks.

In Switzerland, Professor Willy Woelfli, of the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, said he would be prepared to date the scrolls so long as he could direct the operation.

first direct is a division

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

gave Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the Minister for Health, an angry reception at their annual congress in Brighton

They booed and hissed throughout Mrs Bottomley's deterrent to recruitment into speech as she refused to give nursing," she said. assurances on key issues of

The Royal College of Nursing has been pressing the Government to extend the 80 per cent poll tax rebate for the 2,000 students on Project 2000 training courses to all 60,000 student nurses.

Miss Linda Bailey, a nursing student from Lambeth, south London, said she would have to pay £580 a year in poll tax. "Why should the majority of student nurses have to pay 100 per cent of the charge when trainees in the armed forces who are earning over £9,500 a year pay only 20 per cent?" she demanded. A firstyear student nurse working Outside London earns £5,695.

Mrs Bottomley insisted that salaried student nurses, apart from those on the Project 2000 courses being implemented in 16 districts, would be treated like any other salaried health authority staff. Students in London would receive an 11 per cent increase by the end of but her comments were rethe year and a 28 per cent rise garded as patronizing. "She this year in London waiting. There was no relevance in a

comparison with the armed forces, who had a different employer, she said. cock, the college general sec-Earlier, Miss Mande Storey, retary, said at a press

the poll tax was anomalous, divisive and short-sighted. It was divisive because it set one class of nursing student apart from the other. "It is shortsighted because it acts as another entirely avoidable

Schools of nursing had reported that students have been checking the local community charge rate applying for a place, Miss Storey said. The viability of courses in high poll tax areas would be

Mrs Bottomley was also ressed to set up a national inspectorate to monitor and set standards in both health and local authority services. However, again she made it evident that the Government was not planning such a move.
"There are other ways of achieving equality than having an inspectorate which would be yet another body and yet another organiza-tion," she said.

Quality would be specified

in the contracts to be drawn up between health authorities and hospitals from next April. Much of Mrs Bottomley's speech was devoted to praising nurses on their achieve-ments and their hard work, misjudged nurses in terms of believing that her reassurances were all that were needed," Miss Christine Han-

NURSES demanding poll tax the college president, claimed conference later. The minister did touch on the need for more part-time jobs, work break schemes, flexible hours and workplace nurseries to attract both mature entrants and returners. "I believe that the NHS should be a pioneer in the innovative and flexible deployment of staff, especially nurses - and it should be in the vanguard of efforts to support mothers who want to return to work," she said.

However, she did not promise more central funding. There would be no rigid bineprint from the Department of Health and it was up to individual authorities to learn from good practice throughout the country.

This morning the presi-dents of the Royal Medical Colleges will join the RCN in Brighton to present a statement calling for a staged introduction of the NHS reforms in two regions to see if The Royal colleges will be

essing Conservative peers to back an amendment in the NHS and Community Care Bill urging for a formal evaluation of the changes which are due to be implemented nationally from next April. The colleges argue there is

no evidence that the changes, which include self-governing hospitals, GP practice budgets and an internal market in health care, will improve patient care.



Mrs Bottomley and Miss Linda Bailey, a student nurse from Lambeth worried at the prospect of a £580 poll tax bill

Bottomley yesterday. "It it was important to proceed entertainers, was launched at the 11am press conference. would be quite wrong now to with all speed with the delay the implementation of change the Bill. Uncertainty is anti- Artists Against the Poll Tax, This request, however, met pathetic to confidence." In featuring rock bands, disc with little sympathy from Mrs order to maintain confidence jockeys, comedians and other

Labour MP Mr David Nellist ganizer, blamed yesterday.

expected failed to appear at forward.

the House of Commons by the Mr Philip Green, the orshowbusiness habit of late However, most of the artists rising and the clocks going

Relief scheme:

MILLIONS of poll tax payers hold paying £300 in rates this are expected to be eligible for the Government's transitional al" poll tax is £275. This relief scheme (David Walker couple, taken together, face an writes). However, many are increase in their outlays of confused about how to work £250 (that is £550 in poll tax out their entitlements. Here are details of the scheme: Q. Who benefits from transi-A. Category One are rate-paying householders in Eng-

land and Wales (but only two from £275 to £228 each. However, next comes the "unofficial" part, Instead of members of any given household) whose "notional" poll tax bill is more than £3 a week in excess of the rates that were paid on the property in the year up to March 31 1990. member of this household has to pay an additional £172. Compared with rates, each is did not pay rates but who also Compared with rates, each is face a £3 a week rise in their £150 a year or £2.80 a week outlays nnder poll tax. worse off. They have had their

Q. What happens if I move

A. There will be no protection need levy no more than is for those who have no connecneeded to pay for current ex- tion with a property that was penditure plus inflation, cal- rated and who become liable 1990 - unless they fit into Category Two above. Q. How long will protection be

A. For three financial years that is until the end of March

who is eligible? minus their rates). The Goverament threshold is £3 a week worse off, that is £156 a year. This couple therefore qualify for £94 in relief, of £47

poll tax being set at the notional level, what happens if it is actually £400? Well, instead of paying £228, each Spouses of ratepayers are not protection, in other words, in their category.

protection, in other words, and are still worse off.

each. Their poll tax is thus cut

Q. What about community charge rebates?

Fathers who leave children must pay

By Nicholas Wood

MEASURES intended make fathers who abandon children meet financial obliga tions were announced by a Government yesterday.

They are aimed at belying

500,000 mothers who receive no maintenance balancing in million a year.

Under an interim package the Department of Social Sec. urity will be able to claw bed from abscutee fathers mains nance payments made to mothers as well as to children Single parents returning to work will no longer have in seek a new maintenance order. and the Department of Social Security will enforce unpuid

Student fund

THE ALLOWANCE for hard ship cases under the Government's student loans proposals is to be doubled to £20 mil. lion a year. The "seems funds" money will be spent on students hit by the freezing of grants, the introduction of student loans and the abolition of housing benefits.

Raid damages MR IAN Cutler, a freeland

photo-journalist yesterday accented £15,000 agreed damages in the High Court after suing the Metropolitan Police for damage to his property and the humiliation of a raid on his house in Upper Holloway, north London, in 1985. The police agreed to pay costs.

Supergrass case A SUPERGRASS with a

£250,000 contract on his life was given a 27-month mil sentence by the Central Criminal Court yesterday after belping to trap a gang which smuggled £22 million of cannabis. Robert Westbury, of Christchurch, Dorset, admitted conspiracy to traffic drugs.

Car fire deaths TWO children aged 19

months and 3 years were burned to death yesterday after the car in which they were sitting in the driveway of a house in Sale, Manchester, caught fire. Two workers who attacked the blaze with an extinguisher were beaten back by the intense heat.

Feet first

Prince Edward walked to and from work yesterday to benefit London's homeless. It is hoped that he and many others who gave their fares or ects' "Feet First" campaign will have raised £100,000. The money will go to agencies helping the homeless.

CORRECTION

The first chapter of Bab Metzia, referred to in Rabbi Isaac Bernstein's article, "Spirit of Jewry revived", yesterday is devoted to civil law, not war as printed.

End of the line for junk calls

By David Sapsted

THE DAYS of "junk" tele-phone calls from double-glazing salesmen, insurance agents and kitchen-equipment suppliers may be numbered. Proposals to outlaw unsolic-

ited sales calls to individuals in their homes have been submitted to Sir Bryan the Director of Public Prose Carsberg, the director-general cutions, Lord Justice Mustill, of the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), who is determined to crack down on what the trade describes as "cold prosecuting authorities.

"The public has an interest Sir Bryan will be studying

proposals this week from the brought prosecutions are British Direct Marketing Association, the cold-callers' trade association, suggesting that a Telephone Preference Service be set up. Theoreti-cally, it would operate in the same way as the Mail Preference Service, which enables people who do not wish to receive junk mail to have their names taken off mailing lists. | tion on a criminal damage

requested otherwise would be liable to have its Branch Systems General Licence under which all multiplephone users operate revoked.

Later this year, the British Direct Marketing Association will also be putting forward proposals to control the grow- the acquittals of the defening problem of junk faxes, the dants, saying it would be un-unwanted transmissions clog-fair for them to face fresh trials ging thousands of offices because of the long lapse of facsimile receivers.

Dismissive magistrates 'in error'

By Frances Gibb

MAGISTRATES warned by the High Court yesterday not to use their power to dismiss cases as a way of punishing the Crown Prosecution Service over "slip

ups" in bringing cases to trial In a test case mounted by sitting with Mr Justice Schiemann, said: "Justices are there to try cases and not punish

in ensuring that properly properly conducted in court." The judges allowed the applications for a judicial review, by Mr Allan Green QC, the Director of Public

Prosecutions, of decisions made by Swansea magistrates to dismiss two cases. In February last year the magistrates blocked a prosecu-A firm which called a charge because the principal person after he or she had prosecution witness failed to appear on time. They also

dismissed a case because two

police witnesses failed to turn

up after a mix-up over dates. Lord Justice Mustill said that the Swansea magistrates had fallen into error in hoth cases by refusing adjourn-ments. But he refused to quash because of the long lapse of abled people who are not time since they were charged.

Millions may 'lose' relief on their poll tax payments

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

to be protected by the Government's transitional relief scheme for the poll tax will

Even those who get some money out of the scheme may find - on one estimate - that beyond that have to bear the they are worse off by up to 64.50 net a week. At the Conservative Party

conference last autumn, Mr David Hunt, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, delighted his colleagues by grafting the spe-cial relief scheme on poll tax rebates. He appeared to promise that individuals more than £3-a-week worse off under poll tax than under the rates would eet protection.

In fact, Mr Hunt's qualification - that his calculations applied only if the local authority spends at the officially approved level - renders them academic. Labour's charge that the Government to "bribe" voters may itself turn out to be

According to the Depart-ment of the Environment, 7.5 million people in England and Wales, mainly occupants of houses with low rateable values, will qualify under the transitional relief scheme. In addition, the scheme has been opened to pensioners and dis-

MILLIONS of people who facing a sharp rise in outlays to controlled Bristol City Coun-might have thought they were their local authority. cil said yesterday that it was their local authority. cil said yesterday that it was concentrating on telling resi-However, many people will find the net amount they pay dents about the rebates for poll tax rather than the transit-

to local government increases. shortly find out the extent of Because their council's poll their mistake.

Because their council's poll tax is above the Whitehallional relief, because few people would benefit from it approved level, they get relief only up to a certain point and full costs of the poll tax. Bristol provides an exam-

ple. Average rates there this year are £547 a household. The poli tax is £331. A twoperson household is thus some £115 worse off. This is less than the £156 threshold, so this household pays its £2,21 extra a week without protection, But Bristol's actual poll tax is £490 a head, which means each household member is £217 a year or over £4 a week worse off.

A spokesman for Labour-



and mostly by tiny sums. The Government committed over £800 million to the scheme, over three years. A faction within the ruling

Labour group on Liverpool City council is threatening to vote against the poll tax figure recommended by its leaders. Echoing the refusal of Labour councillors to set a rate in 1985, which led to their disqualification and surcharge, rebel councillors may have sufficient votes to pre-

> scheduled for tomorrow night. Last night, Ms Joyce Gould, a national Labour Party official, addressed Labour councillors as the council leader, Mr Keva Coombes, threatened to resign.

vent the council levying a poll

tax at the council meeting

Liverpool has set its budge for 1990-91, but has yet to ratify the poll tax figure im-plied by the budget —£449 per head. It is supposed to do this by March 31.
Among 56 Labour conn-cillors, Mr Coombes faces 21

taking a hard line on the poll He said: "Without a poll tax in place, Liverpool goes bank-rupt on Monday. I cannot stand by and see that happen."

Category Two are pension-ers and disabled people who

tional relief?

Q. What is the "notional" poll A. Whitehall says councils culated at 3.8 per cent. At pre- for the poll tax after April sent inflation is 7.5 per cent.

Q. Do I have to apply? A. In many cases, councils will apply the relief before sending out bills. It depends on their computer software and their overall efficiency. It is wise to check whether the relief has been given. Q. What do I get?

A. The answer is in two parts. First, the "official" version, based on a two-adult house-

A. Transitional relief stands on its own. Eligibility for it and payments under it do not affect eligibility for rebates.

Ministers set out to solve problems facing homeless

today take the first steps to deal with the thousands of young people living rough in

Mr Michael Spicer, Min-ister for Housing and Planning is to announce an extra £148 million to be spent on the homeless in the coming financial year, starting next month, with a further £102

million next year.

Most of the money, £112
million for local authorities and £36 million for housing associations, will go on renovating empty, run-down council housing to take the homeless. There will also be some hostel accommodation for single people.

There are about 125,000 'statutory" homeless in Britain, whom councils have to house. About 38,000 are in temporary accommodation, invariably bed and breakfast.

By John Lewis, Political Staff THE GOVERNMENT will temporary housing by 15,000

over the next two years. This should free bed and breakfast accommodation for the "non-statutory" homeless living in "cardboard cities" or shop doorways.

Mr Spicer said: "The schemes we have looked at favourably are those which bring existing property, thought to be sub-standard, back into use, but the money can be used for new buildings and hostels as well."

Ministers believe that they have an answer to the "statutory" problem. The "non-statutory" problem, however, is growing, with several thousand young people thought to be living rough in London Mr Spicer said that the

problem was common to many cities in the rest of Europe and in the United States.

up of marriages and the alienation of children in care. Another cause is believed to be young people, some as young as 13, with what Mr Spicer called "a misplaced sense of independence"

He said: "People arrive in London thinking they have the bright lights in front of them, when, in fact, it can be extremely dangerous." It is, however, not simply a

question of providing hostel-type accommodation. For one thing, there is often antipathy between younger and older vagrants. There is also the question of whether the young would use the facilities. Government committees

are considering solutions. There is no doubt about the political, as well as social, urgency. The sight of young people sleeping rough is often blamed, rightly or wrongly, on a "Thatcherite society".

invariably bed and breakfast. A primary cause is thought to be the same as for the the number of homeless in statutory homeless: the break-Social Fund powers clarified

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

LEGAL changes aimed at Security, to exercise control reasserting ministerial control over the £215 million fund. over the cost of emergency payments to the poor were announced by the Government yesterday.

The move came after a High Court ruling last month that ministers were exceeding their powers in official guidance to that the amount allocated to local Social Fund officers the Social Fund would rise by and left insufficient scope for next month.

because it was too prescriptive £10 million to £215 million The fund, two-thirds of The Social Security Bill now which is made available in before Partiament will be loans, covers payments for amended to clarify the powers items such as furniture and

the court's judgement.

Mr Scott said: "Although the court found that some of the guidance on budgets was Mr Nicholas Scott, the Mintoo prescriptive, its judgement ister of State for Social Secexplicitly recognized that Parurity, was attacked by Labour

liament clearly intended that for an "incompetent, cynical the Social Fund should be and dishonest" response to subject to strict monetary limits and that the Secretary of Mr Scott also announced State needs to be able to give directions to achieve financial

As a result, he was introducexplicit the Secretary of State's controls on the extent and use of Mr Tony Newton, the kitchen appliances for about Secretary of State for Social 400,000 claimants.

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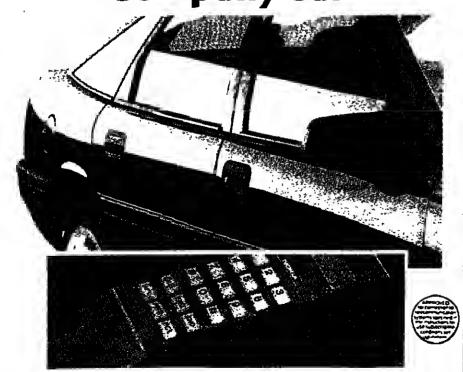
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Detectives investigate charity's tele sales

HERTFORDSHIRE Fraud aged 44, of Lytton Avenue, Squad is investigating a charity which uses telephone sales techniques to raise mnney for underprivileged children in the Third World.

The Children at Risk Fund has been receiving up to £1,000 a day, yet to date only £150 has been given to Oxfam and little if any has gone to other charities.

Accountants have also been called in to inspect the books of the charity — set up last July — after complaints by trustees, one of whom resigned last week. Only £800 has been received in unsolicited public

While there is no evidence of criminal offences having been committed, concern has been expressed at the charity's tactics. Oxfam complained to the Charity Commission at the end of January about the use of its name during tele-

phone canvassing.

Children at Risk, based at the Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, employs 40 staff, mainly wnmen on a part-time basis. They are paid £4 an hour.

The charity raises money through emotive telephone sales. According to one source, employees are told they must sell at least £100 of advertising space per shift for a planned local business directory on the lines of the Thomson Local Directory. Sales staff use a prepared script when canvass-

ing for advertisements. People are being deceived. They think 85 per cent of the cost of their advertisment is going to charity, and only 15 per cent is being used on administration. So far this has not been the case," the source

No directory has yet been produced, although one was promised within six months.

are concerned about the operations and tactics of Children at Risk Fund and their use of Oxfam's good name."

Oxfam has asked the charity to stop using its name and for it to account for any funds received while Oxfam's name was being used,

up. Mr Richard Hancock, starting November 1991.

the chairman and a trustee of the charity said: "Most of the income has gone on salaries and telephone bills. We do intend bringing out a directory

later this year."
It is understood that the charity's last quarterly telephone bill was about £20,000. Mr Hancock believed the police would exonerate the charity. "If they had found

anything wrong they would have closed us on the spot."

References to Oxfam by sales staff had been a mistake and would not be repeated.

"We were sending money to Oxfam and expected to send more as a means of getting aid to Kampuchea," Mr Hancock said, adding that he had asked the Charity Commission to find another charity to whom Children at Risk could send its

Eventually 85 per cent of our income will go to help water projects in Kampuchea. Every penny can be accounted

for," he said.

The delay in producing a directory had been because Children at Risk wanted to ensure every business had an opportunity of advertising.

• The Charity Commission confirmed yesterday that it is to launch an inquiry into the collapse of War on Want, the Third World aid charity that is to be wound up.

War on Want has estimated debts of £2million, including a £780,000 overdraft secured on its south-east London headquarters, which are for sale.

War on Want needed the money to help to repay two consortiums of British and European charities £1.7 million after they decided to pull out of joint financial long-term aid projects in Ethiopia and separate their accounts. Oxfam said yesterday: "We Part of the money also went on redundancy payments,

· Legislation to reform charity law and reduce the risk of fraud and maladministration in the £13 billion charitable sector is likely to be delayed for another year.

Senior Government of ficials said yesterday the par-It is believed that the Child- liamentary session beginning ren at Risk Fund has raised in November was already incorporation, the bulk since Bills and that legislation on January when its telephone charities would probably have sales operation was stepped to wait until the session local says ale and farewell."



outside the gates of Downing Street yesterday after Mrs Yvonne Wilson (standing), her owner, and Mrs Alison Hodges, another owner, had handed in

at No 10 a petition containing 300 signatures. It opposed the banning of Rottweilers or making their owners obtain special licences (Robin Young writes). Plans for np to 100 Rott-

Downing Street to present the petition were abandoned on Sunday because they could have coincided with an anti-apartheid demonstration. As it was,

didn't bare a tooth or put a paw out nf

Leading article, page 13

Linley sues for libel over 'lager lout' story

By Michael Horsnell

LORD LINLEY became the first member of the Royal Family to bring a libel action to court yesterday when he sued a newspaper for portray-ing him as "an upper-class lager lout".

According to a gossip col-umn report in Today, the Queen's nephew had been banned from a London public house after throwing a pint of beer at a group of friends. But the report was a fabrication, a High Court jury was told.

Lord Linley, aged 28, said: "My first instinct was to be incredibly angry due to the fact that it was totally untrue. My second thought was that probably my family would read it and that it could have a damaging effect on them."

The son of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon is seeking damages against the newspaper's publishers, News (UK) Lid.

Mr Charles Gray, QC, his counsel, told Mr Justice Michappeared in the Chris Hutchins Confidential column on behaved in the manner of an March 28 last year.

behaved in the manner of an when he's not being arrogant his husiness reputation. "Say I

It alleged he was banned from the Ferret and Firkin at Cheisea Harbour after a "childish beer-throwing incident involving David and a group of his chums".

In fact, Lord Linley had visited the public house only once, two years earlier, and had never engaged in hooligan behaviour, Mr Gray said. "This story portrayed Lord

Linley as a 'Hooray Henry' and described him as having



Lord Linley: Concerned about effect on his family

wrote to the newspaper seeking damages, an apology and a correction, but Today said it stood by its story.

In the article, Mrs Carolyn Peacock, the manageress of the public house, was alleged to have said: "Linley and about eight of his pals came in at lunchtime and ordered a round of beer. He amazed everyone when he picked up his pint and chucked it over the others."

The article went on: "Before things got completely out of hand, I went over and told him that we cater only for adults and that he'd better go to the kindergarten playground next door.

"At that point one of his this man is, madam? I told them it made no difference to me and they could go outside minute six weeks ago. and quietly pour beer over arow it around in here."

Peacock was reported as saying: "David Linley is quite a Linley Furniture, he feared the player.

The next day, Lord Linley and throwing his money was going to a meeting with pops in hut now we keep a close eye on him to make sure he doesn't get out of order."

Lord Linley noticed that the article was largely quotes attributed to Mrs Peacock, so he called to see her the next day. Mrs Peacock told him she had said nothing to any reporter about any such incident.

that someone in Lord Linley's position had to put up with the "persistent and sometimes rather unwelcome attentions of the press", but this time he felt the story was over the limit because it was fictitious.

Mr Gray said it was right

The jury was asked to take into account the "high-handed pals said, 'Do you know who way" in which Today dealt with the complaint, publishing an apology at the last

Lord Linley said the Ferret each other's heads, but not to and Firkin was not his "local" though he had once had a At the end of the article Mrs pleasant lunch there.

As chairman of David

was going to a meeting with to place a large order. The minute they read that I was seen splashing beer they perhaps would not place their order."

He added: "I have a lot of press comments and so one does harden oneself to certain matters of inaccuracy, but this was completely untrue and I felt they had gone too far.

"I was extremely hurt that it was alleged I should do anything like that." Mrs Peacock told the court

she had never spoken to any journalist about any such beer-throwing incident. The case continues today.

• The last time a member of the Royal Family appeared in court is believed to have been during the Great Baccarat scandal of 1890, when a slander action was brought by a card player accused of cheating. The then Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII)

Koc was telling an enormous pack of lies, having set out to sell his kidney; or had he been duped by the Kunters and not gave evidence about the game, at which he was a

Turkish kidney donors 'told lies'

By John Young

AT LEAST two Turks lied when they claimed they were nnt seeking further payments for donating their kidneys, the General Medical Council was

told yesterday.
Mr Anthony Artidge, QC, said that when the Turks gave evidence to the hearing in December, they did not tell the whole truth because they had an interest to serve. Mr Ferhat Usta and Mrs

Hatice Anutkan had instructed a solicitor with a view to bringing a civil action, Mr Arlidge said. He was making his closing speech on behalf of Dr Ray-

mnnd Crockett, a Harley Street specialist who denies serinus professional miscon-duct. Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist, and Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon, face similar charges in relation to four Turks said to have been paid for their kidneys. Earlier, Mr Roger Hender-son, QC for the GMC, had said the committee should bear in mind the civil claim

which might have led the witnesses to exaggerate.

Mr Arlidge said the case against the doctors was unsatisfactory, most obviously because of the absence of Mr Ata Nur Kunter. Mr Kunter

and his brothers have been described as kidney brokers. What the Turks said to Mr Kunter was inadmissible, and f that evidence was elimi-

nated, the rest was cir-cumstantial, Mr Arlidge said. The practice of paying donors had been known since 1985, hut it had been outlawed only last summer. Should doctors "stay in their tents, or

do all they reasonably could to save lives?" Mr Arlidge asked. Resuming his closing speech earlier, Mr Henderson said Dr Crockett must have told "a pack of lies" about his knowledge of the relationship between Mr Ahmet Koc — who said his kidney had been who said his kidney had been

stolen without his consent and the recipient.

It would be "a monstrons wickedness" if Dr Crockett had been party to the duping of Mr Koc, Mr Henderson said. Such a thing would be imbelievable. But when it unbelievahle. But when it came to the payments, the committee could be certain

what was going on.
It had to decide whether Mr Koc was telling an enormous realized what was happening until it was too late.

that Dr Crockett knew exactly

The case continues today.

Lawyers attack court work changes

By Frances Gihb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

PLANS by the Lord Chancellor's Law Society says courts are already Department to allow court staff to take over a range of work from judges.

Law Society says courts are already struggling with high staff turnover and over a range of work from judges.

Law Society says courts are already to strict guidelines.

The Home Office and the Lord including drawing up papers for "quickie" divorces, were criticized by

the Law Society vesterday. In its response to the department, the society said it would be "disastrous" to send more work down to officials at a time when staff in many courts cannot cope with the existing workload.

Nor, the society says, would it be appropriate for an administrative official to decide whether a divorce should be granted or not.

The Lord Chancellor's Department says the reforms are aimed at freeing registrars, one of the junior judicial tiers, so that they can cope with an expected rise in county court work. However, the

people of the right calibre.
The Lord Chancellor's Department issued a consultation paper in January proposing that a range of work be devolved to court officials.

The society is concerned that some of the functions chosen for devolution, such as consent orders and special procedure certificates, are too "judicial" in nature to be done by administrative staff. It says there should be judicial scrutiny of the documents.

However, it backs plans to empower administrators to rule on so-called attachment of earnings orders, and other proposals, including granting administrators authority in cases involving

Chancellor's Department are expected to drop plans to replace committal proceedings with an administrative paper procedure for sending cases direct to the crown court without a hearing.

It is now believed that officials will move towards a reform of the committal system that involves a paper transfer system only if both prosecution and defence agree, while preserving the defendant's right to insist on, and attend,

a formal committal hearing. The defence would have the right to a formal committal and both prosecution and defence would retain the right to a full "old-style" committal, with statements read or evidence called.

BBC apologizes to petrol industry over report errors

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

THE BBC apologized "unreservedly" to Shell UK and that the tinuing of the Watchto accept that and apologize." other leading oil companies yesterday for errors and misinformation in a Warchdog programme on petrol pricing.

The extent of the mistakes 480-word correction and apolprint in the furthcoming edition of Radio Times. A slightly shorter version will be screened at peak viewing times thright on BBC 1 and tomorrow on BBC 2.

The BBC, which is proud of its impartial and accurate reporting, has been farced in untrue. make the embarrassing climb-down because of numerous inaccuracies and misleading statements in the item about the petrol industry and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) investigation into it.

The Watchdog presenter made accusations of profiteering and collusion by the petrol retailing industry and claimed mission to support the allegations. No such docu-

ment existed.

dog report could prejudice the The director-general and nutcome of the commission's inquiry into the petrol retailing business. Mr Bob Reid, chairman and

made by Warchelog in its chief executive of Shell UK, consumer report broadcast nn said yesterday. "The account October 9 is reflected in the by Watchdog of how the petrol industry is run was unogy the BBC has agreed in balanced and seriously inaccurate. It also misrepresented an MMC document as an interim report' and implied that the programme's critical and damaging conclusions were endorsed by the MMC. Subsequent developments have shown that to be totally

> "We went to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission because a request in the BBC for a correction was refused. When the MMCs report appeared it showed that the case we put to the enmmission was irrefutable and that our request for a correction had

been wholly reasonable. The MMC confirmed that the industry is efficient, highly to have an unpublished in-competitive, operates in the terim report from the com- public interest and gives good value in its eustomers."

The BBC said: "It is an honourable apology. We An unnamed journalist who realized we got it wrong and helped to make the pro- we have said so. The item was gramme has been reprim- unfair to Shell and the inanded hut will remain in the dustry. When people are deal-BBC's topical features section, ing with consumer affairs would also be bener situated curporation said yes- there are occasional lapses, in central London.

nerday. Shell UK had feared Hopefully we are big enough chairman of the BBC are not

> Mr Michael Checkland, the director-general, has decided that he will stay at Broadcasting House with Mr Marmaduke Hussey, the chairman, and a few aides while remaining senior corporate managers move to the £59 million development at White City, west London.

joining the corporation's top

executives in a move to a new

headquarters aimed at saving

money and improving

Many staff are reluctant to make the switch because of the shortage of facilities, including shops, and poor transport, compared to central London. One of the main reasons for moving corporate staff, nnw in Broadcasting Hnuse and a

variety of rented offices, was

to enable them to work to-

gether. Mr Checkland's de-

cision has infurnated some

The official reason for his decision flows from the abandonment of the third phase of the White City development due 10 be completed in the late 1990s. Radio will now remain at Broadcasting House. A spokesman said that it was felt that a small number of headquarters staff

TV pirates aid actors' charity

By Simon Tait

EUROPEAN cable television "pirates" have unwittingly provided £4.5 millinn for the welfare of British theatre performers and their industry. A charity, the Equity Trust Fund, was set up yesterday by Equity, the actors' uninn, with the mnney contributed by cable companies in Belgium, The Netherlands and Den-

mark over the last six years. The money had been paid by the companies for use of pirated programmes taken directly off transmissinn, and paid in lieu nf "moral" copyright after negotiations by the BBC and the ITV companies.

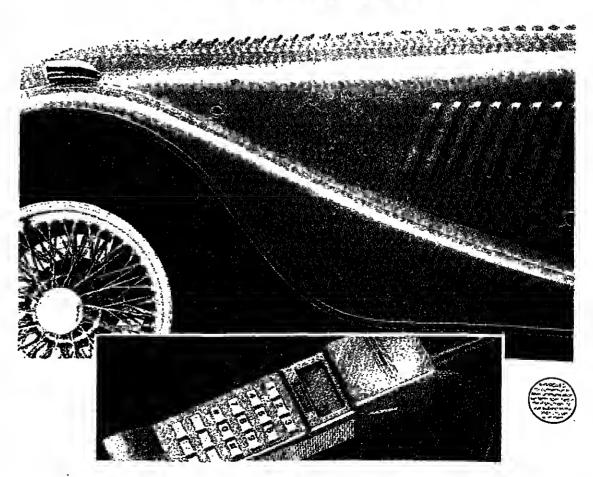
Mr Peter Plouviez, Equity general secretary, said a third nf the mnney paid tn the televising companies had gone in three bodies representing performers: Equity, the Musicians' Uninn and the Incorporated Society of Musicians. The sums invested annually by Equity had accumulated to £4.5 million.

profession whose members. apart from a small minority of stars, were among the lowest naid workers in Britain, he said. The trust fund would be

The money would help a

concerned with performers' welfare, maintenance of the arts, particularly in the theatre, and for education and training.

Classic car



Classic car-phone



By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, became embroiled yesterday in a legal action against the Church of England's paymasters, the Church Commissioners.

Sir Douglas Lovelock, First Church Estates Commissioner, dismissed Bishop Harries's claim that his intentions were friendly, adding: "It will be seen as one part of the Church taking another to court and I cannot persuade myself that that's a very good

While Bishop Harries was insisting that he did not want to be Archbishop of Canterbury — and rather acting that way - another of the contenders, the Righ Rev William Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, set out a bold manifesto in yesterday's Daily Mail. "Whoever it is, I would offer him one biblical mess-age," he wrote. "Be strong and of good courage."

The Church of England had become too concerned with minority interests, which left it with no message "for or-dinary people who are making something of their lives," Bishop Westwood added.

The next archbishop should spend less time overseas. He should "give a positive ex-pression of Christian faith". There was a massive spiritual vacuum in the nation "and the task of any Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of this century will be to lead the church to fill this vacuum".

Bishop Harries's law suit against the Church Commisoners, of which he is one

ONE OF the leading contend- which the commissioners may General Synod, said later that ers for the succession to the take ethical considerations the commissioners would con-Archbishopric of Canterbury, into account in their investment policy.

Asked at a press conference about his interest in succeeding Dr Runcie, he replied: "Of course I will be joining with all other Christians sincerely praying that a right decision is made on this matter.

"I don't want the job, and I don't think it's appropriate for me or any other bishop to

He said the legal case was meant to be "a friendly rather than a hostile action". He had counsel's opinion to support his view that the Commissioners had a duty to follow a policy in which Christian values, rather than financial gains, were the overriding priority; and he was seeking a High Court ruling to that

"We are seeking to co-operate with the Church Commissioners as much as possible. There is a genuine dilemma here and it's in the interests of the Church Commissioners that this be resolved." The bishop launched an appeal for pledges totalling £25,000 to cover the costs of the case.

The bishop denied the argument was only about the rights and wrongs of investing in South Africa. "Although that was the spark which forced a review of the whole investment issue, it goes far wider than that," he said. The Church of England was open to criticism for its policies regarding industry and commerce and it needed to have

"a more positive attitude". Sir Douglas, who is an ex himself, concerns the extent to officio senior member of the

"Our job is to protect and defend the parochial clergy. It is sad that we have to use the money which should be going to them to do so. But we cannot allow their interests to go by default," he said.

"I am sure Dr Harries has the most friendly of motives. I wouldn't deny that. But don't think you can have a friendly court action. I think it's a contradiction in terms."

Another strong candidate for Canterbury, Dr Robert Earnes, the Archbishop of Armagh, refused to give any press interviews yesterday, al-though as recently as last week he discussed his prospects on a local radio programme in

Northern Ireland. "It is not for anyone to say they would welcome or not welcome any challenge," he had said.

The Prime Minister had shown "at times, I think, a willingness to listen to any-thing that I have had to say" and to "acknowledge" it.

Dr Runcie announced on Sunday that he had submitted his resignation to the Queen and he will retire at the end of next January, eight months before his 70th birthday.

• Mr Tony Benn, the Labour MP, yesterday challenged the Church of England to put forward only one name for Dr Runcie's successor to Mrs said she should endorse it without question. In a Commons motion he states that "the control of the Church of England by the state is a

MR GARY BEVANS, am. Michelangelo took four years to paint the original, but signwriter with no formal signwriter with no formal artistic training, with reproductions of Michelangelo's paintings in the Sistine Chapel which he has painted in the Holy Martyrs Catholic church in Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex. The church is an otherwise and interpretable of the church is an otherwise. he did not have to earn a living by day painting pub signs and

happens to be the same width

While the Sistine Chapel

has just reopened after restoration, Mr Bevans still

has many mouths' work ahead of him completing the only copy outside Rome (Robin Young writes).

He has worked 50 hours a

as the original in Rome.

The inspiration for Mr Bevans's labour of love came from a parishioners' trip to Rome. The signwriter has been named Man of the Year by Worthing Council and his work has already attracted 5,000 visitors. otherwise undistinguished prefabricated building which

cess in raising money for the project by asking £50 for the right to dedicate each of the plywood panels on which Mr but he says he would be glad of more sponsorship. vans makes his painting week for two years on the

Hard fight as Karpov wins place in finals

A little bit of Rome comes to Goring-by-Sea

By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

ANATOLY Karpov, the Soviet former world chess champ-ion, has emerged victorious with consummate ease in his world title qualifying match in Kuala Lumpur against Jan Timman, the Dutch grand-master. He dominated the match from the start and yesterday clinched victory in a hard-fought ninth game.

This win with the black pieces gave Karpov the 6½ points needed to win the bestof-12 match and ensure a renewed challenge against his arch-rival, Gary Kasparov, the world champion.

The necessity of a win made Timman take too many risks, and the game boiled down to a race of pawns on opposite wings of the board. Karpov's proved the more effective in the struggle to become queens.

Experts thought that Timman's 39th move cost him the win to which capturing a black pawn instead might have led.

The final will start in New York on October 7 and transfer to Lyons. It is likely to last two months. A prize of \$3 million (£1.8 million) is on offer. the championship will be run not by Fide, the world chess federation, but by a neutral committee of representatives of Fide and of the Association of Grandmasters, of which Kasparov is president and which was set up in 1986.

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Privatized sector shines in list of top companies

as ugly ducklings or even as lame ducks have emerged as highly profitable swans under

companies into the private sector, often with their customers as shareholders, has created four of the country's 20 most profitable companies per employee, with one of them emerging as the most profitable company in Britain and the highest wages payer.

Enterprise Oil, created from the former oil exploration assets held by British Gas, last year made profits of £288,500 per employee and paid its 234 staff an average of £32,100 and its directors an average of £77,857. In addition, British Telecom, another former state-owned company, has emerged overall as the most profitable company in Britain, with pre-tax profits last year of

The performance of former state-owned companies will be £123,529, and Marks & Spenwelcomed by the Government cer staff carned an average of in the week that it takes the £8,100, and its directors avelectricity industry into the eraged £175,000, private sector with the creation of 16 new companies that will be privatized this

autumn and early next year. Many of the figures used by the magazine Management Today for its league table, published today, have been gleaned from company reports for the previous financial year and higher profits are expected from British Steel, British Airways and British

Enterprise Oil, recently the subject of takeover specula-tion in the City, has built on the inheritance it received from the Government in the shape of substantial oil discoveries earlier made by British Gas. It has also, however, been aggressive in the world oil exploration market.

However the figures also show that some of the best known business names and recent stock market favourites such as Lourho, Asda, Whit-bread, Tesco, Sainsbury and Marks & Spencer are among

SOME companies once seen the lower payers in the top 100 companies, although in most cases the earnings figures are affected by the large number of part-time staff they employ.

The policy of removing affected by its large number of companies into the months and launching companies into the months affected by its large number of companies into the months and launching companies in launching companies c employee profitability and bottom of the list in terms of pay. It made £2,500 per employee and paid them an average of £3,800, while its directors averaged £291,666 a year, a figure only outstripped by the directors of Hanson Trust (£666,666 a year), Ultramar Oil (£469,230), ICI (£456,250) and BOC (£345,454).

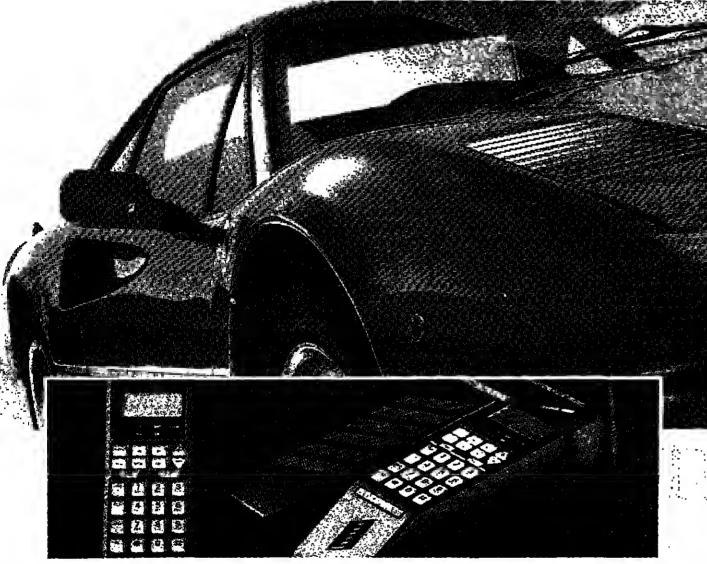
Asda pay averaged £5,300, while its directors earned an average of £185,714. Whit-bread paid its staff an average of £5,900, while its directors earned an average of £140,000. Tesco paid its staff an average of £6,200, while its directors averaged £130,769, Sainsbury paid its staff an average of £6,900, while its directors on average carned

Among the former state owned companies, BAA, the former British Airports Anthority has emerged in tenth place in the table, with profits per employee of £22,900 and an average wage for its 8,645 employees of £17,100. Its directors received an average £116,666 in pay last year.

British Gas is in 14th place with profits per employee of £16,300 and paying its 81,832 staff an average of £14,400 and its directors an average of £66,666. Cable and Wireless, one of the first privatized companies, comes next with profits per employee of £14,300. Its 29,320 employees were paid an average of £10,200, although its directors were paid an average of £130,000. BP, formerly substantially Government-owned, although always a private sector company, is in 13th place, with profits per employee of £16,500.

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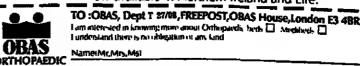
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By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

ALMOST a quarter of state who described it as "comschool teachers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are to stage a one-day strike on Wednesday, April 4 io protest at the Government's decisioo to impose an 8.3 per cent pay

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers issued the said strike call yesterday in spite of 98,000 state school members for industrial actioo.

In a ballot, 35,450 (61.8 per cent of those voting) were io favour of striking and 21,949 (38.2 per cent) against. The turnout was 57,399, just over half of the union's members and an eighth of the teaching he termed "the minimum

The result came after intense lohbying characterised hy last- minute staffroom pleas by branch officials for nize parents and said: "Only support for the strike. The those parents whn wish to take larger National Union of a doctrinaire political view Teachers has refused to join in the action.

The strike call was condemoed hy Mr Joho

pletely unjustified". 'I am deeply disappointed that the NAS/UWT has elected to deprive childreo of a

day of education at what, for many, is a crucial time of the year and to do so oo the positive support of only onethird of their members," he

securing the support of only attention from the hard work just over nne in three of its and professional commitment which the great majority of teachers are showing and for which they deserve public

> Mr Fred Smithies, the unioo's general secretary, said that he was confident his members would support what possible tangible protest action available to teachers".

will feel aggrieved."

Teachers had to show the Government that they had "the will to resist yet another MacGregor, Secretary of State pay cut imposed on them by for Education and Science, the Government". Dismissing

questions about the size of the vote in favour of action, Mr Smithies said: "The Prime Minister has never enjoyed more than the support of 33 per cent of the electorate and we have 36 per cent for our

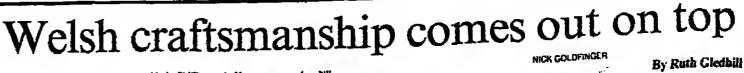
Two years ago the NAS/UWT had to abandon a similar attempt to get teachers to strike over pay after only just over a third of its state school members turned out to

ensured maximum support for its industrial action by making clear that it would not besitate to discipline members who refused to strike. However, since the last

In the past the union has

round of teachers' strikes eoded in 1987 legislation has deprived unions of the power to punish members who igoore strike calls. Unioo leaders conceded

yesterday that even if they managed to persuade a majority of their members to strike it was highly unlikely that any schools would be closed although several thousand children were likely to be sent





Mr Richardson (left) and Mr Pendletoo at work on the roof, whose owner could not find Americans to match their skills

THE devastation caused by Hurricane Hugo has opened up an unexpected source of revenue for Mr Alfred Richardson, a retired Welsh slater, and Mr Bill Pendleton

Mr Richardson, aged 65 from Prestatyn, Clwyd, was lown to Charleston, South Carolina with Mr Pendleton aged 43, to repair a 200-year. old roof ripped apart by the

Mr Philip Middleton, is owner, hired the Welshmen because they possessed technical skills local labour could

Their work was admired by the Prince of Wales when he saw the house on a visit to the town last month.

Mr Middleton, a lawyer, said: "I talked to any number of Americans about their capacity to slate a roof. They all taid me they were experts. But I had been briefed on a couple of key questions to ask them and no American could answer those.

Mr Richardson, from Prestatyn, Clwyd, is using slates from a Welsh quarry matched to samples of the nriginal state. He said he had been inundated with offers of work in the historic town but his visa restricts him to working for one man.

He added: "We have had bad weather in Wales but 1 have never seeo anythiog as



within the next ten years." Mr David Waddington. Home Secretary, added that women officers had reached senior levels in two forces. One is an assistant chief constable in Merseyside and the other an acting deputy assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard.

Last year, a Home Office circular was sent to all chief equal opportuoities, Mr Waddingtoo said. The Home Office was look-

ing into the feasibility of part-time work, and Scotland Yard had asked it for advice on the

introduction of job sharing.
The police were having difficulty attracting recruits because of the declining number of school leavers, and the service had to recruit more women, especially from the ethnic mioorities. The report on the London

programme, carried out with the help of the Equal Opportunities Commission, shows that the number of women police officers in the force rose from 6.7 per cent in 1978 to over 12 per cent in 1989, at a time when the force strength in the same period had risen from 22,197 to 28,267.

A quarter of all applicants for police inbs are now women, and they make up 24 per cent of all successful recruits. The force has nine female officers in its

Reform of prisoner complaint rules likely

By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs

THE appointment of an omhudsmao to investigate prisoners' complaints, an idea advocated by penal reformers for 20 years, has moved a step closer after a Prisoo Department decision to accept the proposal in principle.

Such a move would restore confidence in inmate grievance procedures, reduce the vulnerability of staff to unfounded allegations and generally lessen tensions in jails, the department has said. The final decision lies with Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary. The recommendation.

agreed at the last meeting of the department's board, means that it is now almost inevitable that a "prisons ombudsman" will be created. Any appointment, however, night be delayed for up to 18 months because officials think it is important that revised complaints rules, to be in-

The change would also require legislation and substantial Treasury support. The cost of independently investigating 1,000 complaints a year

troduced in September, should have time to settle

is estimated at £3.4 million. From September the present system whereby inmates can either petitioo their gov ernor, the local board of visitors or the Home Secretary will be replaced by a "hierarchical" structure.

Under this, all complaiots will be heard initially by the governor, with more difficult disputes being handled by regional or headquarters staff. If an ombudsman were to

which failed to be solved at the second tier chuld be referred to independent arbitration. The omhudsman's findings would be technically nonsuperintendent ranks and 38 binding hut, in practice, would among the inspectors' ranks. be accepted in most cases.

A MAN was jailed for nine months yesterday after admitting sending a hoax bomh in the Queen while she and niher members of the Royal family were at Sandringham, Norfolk At King's Lynn Crown Court, Mr Charles Kellett, prose-cuting, said John Pryse-Jones, aged 58, nf Rhianva Court, Hun-stanton, Nnrfnlk, had a previnus conviction for sending a hoax bomh to Mr Henry Bellingham, MP for Norfolk North West.

£80,000 award

VISCOUNT Raynham wnn £80,000 agreed damages at the High Court yesterday over the death of his wife in a crash at East Rudham, near King's Lynn, Norfolk, in December 1985. The award was against the estate of the other driver who was also killed.

Tolstoy delay

THE COURT of Appeal yesterday reserved its decision on whether to order Count Nikolai Tolstoy to put up £188,000 security for costs before being allowed to pursue his appeal against the libel verdict and £1.5 million damages won by Lord Aldington last November.

Safety failing

TRANSMANCHE Link, the ecosortium building the Channel tunnel, was fined £50,000 yesterday at Maid-stone Crown Court, Kent, when it admitted failing to take precautions to ensure its

Mother held

A MOTHER whn admitted strangling her two children was sent to a mental hospital indefinitely yesterday. The Central Criminal Court was told that Julia Phillips, aged 31, of Limpsfield, Surrey, had paranoid schizophrenia and thought neighbours were going to sexually abuse the children.

Chemical seized

THIRTY gallons of a highly toxic chemical prohibited world-wide have been seized by the Ministry of Agriculture in Herefordshire. The pesti-cide Endrin, which has not been manufactured since 1983, is being used as a poison by gamekeepers.

Inquest opens

AN INQUEST into the death of Farzad Bazoft, the Observer newspaper correspondent exccuted in Iraq as an alleged spywas opened and adjourned at St Pancras Coroner's Court



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Peers protest at move on under-18 loans

GOVERNMENT and Opposition peers protested at a late attempt to amend the Education (Student Loans) Bill to correct an oversight by civil servants over repayment by students under the age of 18.

The amendment, tabled by the Government last Thursday, would exempt students under the age of 18 from paying interest on the loans and give the Government immunity under the Covernment immunity. under the Consumer Credit Act to send loan literature to minors.

As the report stage of the Bill started, Lord Belstead, Leader of the House, refused to withdraw the amendment, but promised peers that the Court that the Government would not seek to bulldoze it through.

Lord Cledwyn of Penshes, Leader of the Opposition Peers, said that the amendment had been intended to correct a defect in the Bill because it was found to be incompatible with the Consumer Credit Act, 1974. "The introduction of minors into

the Bill is a complex and new dimension to the whole Bill. The fact that it is unlawful to charge interest to minors was in fact overlooked when the Bill was first drafted."

The amendment was likely to affect some 100,000 students, mostly in Scotland where more students entered college at 17, and there was also some doubt about the accuracy of the Government's proposed amendment. "The Opposition is asking for more time to consider all the implications of the new amendthe implications of the new amend-ment which are very considerable, the legal implications and the administrative implications.

"I hope that the Leader of the House will now defer the amendment to enable those who are interested in this Bill to have more time. I think it is important that the House on report should be given an opportunity to consider this new development."

Lord Beistead said that the Gov-

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bled oo Thursday and the Labour and Liberal Democrat whips had been informed later that day because issues were involved which had not been debated before.

Lord Pesten, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that the the way the amendment had been introduced was very unsatisfactory. The Government should not proceed at a pace which did not allow detailed consideration. He had been told by an expert that the Consumer Credit Act was very complicated and it would be "fool-hardy beyond belief" to get involved without full advice and briefing.

"This is an extremely serious matter and I am not in a position to debate this amendment today. Lord Belstead said that it was

precisely because the amendment concerned an untried piece of leg-islation that the Opposition had been informed.

Lord Beloff (C) said that be had no view on the amendment which be had only just seen.

"I would like to point out that a Bill of this kind is not simply a matter for the two main Opposition parties. Most of us left the House late on Thursday afternoon or early in the evening not having had an opportunity of seeing this amend-

"I first beard about this problem when I read the report in *The Times*. I think the whole House is entitled to be informed about the Govern-ment's amendment in time at least to have a weekend to consider it and not for it to be tabled in a way which really make the position of members and of the Opposition front bench, almost untenable."

had had a weekend to consider the amendment. The Government had acted in an open and honourable way, it was right that the amend-ment should be considered on

Leader of the House was being uncharacteristically unfair. The amendment changed the Bill in a fundamental way and few had been in the House, including government peers, when it had been tabled and the whips informed.

Lord Nugent of Guildford (C) said that the amendment stretched the terms of the Consumer Credit Act in order to make an exception. That might be valid, but it would not be possible to take the Bill on its merits without consdering that very complicated Act.

Lard Belstead said that he could not accept that the Government had acted in an unreasonable way and, for that reason, be would not withdraw the amendment. "What we ought to do is for the amendment to be moved and to be debated and if Lords then think, having listened to the debate, that it is whofly unreasonable that it should go on the statute book, we must listen to the majority voice of the House. The Government will not seek to bull-doze it through."

 In a Commons written reply, Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said: I am now able to announce that, after parliamentary discussion during the various stages of the Education (Student Loans) Bill in both Houses, the Government has decided to increase to £20 million the Access Funds available for higher edu-

This will give the higher con institutions greater scope for extend-ing discretionary assistance on a flexible basis to their students. The

The necessary supplementary estimates approval for the additional expenditure of £10 millon in 1990-91 will be sought in due course.

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• In a further written answer, Mr

MacGreger said: I am now able to
announce that the Government intends that the repayment period for
students on courses that are longer
than four years should be initially
seven years. The standard repayment period for other students will
be initially five years.

This will ensure that repayments

be initially five years.

This will ensure that repayments are manageable for students on courses longer than four years, who will build up larger liabilities during their courses. As the scheme develops and loans increase in real terms, the standard repayment period will be extended. The repayment period for those on longer courses will be similarly extended.

Ministers act on social fund after court ruling

to put beyond doubt that the Secretary of State for Social Security can specify who is eligible for payments from the social fund.

The move comes after a ruling in the High Court last month. Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister for Social Security, said in a statement that he is to introduce an amendment to the Social Security Bill at present before Parliament to make explicit the power of the Secretary of State to give directions on the control of the social fund, from which grants and loans are made for specific purposes to people receiving income support.

He also announced a £10 million increase in the gross allocation to the fund, to £215 million for 1990-91.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on so-cial security, said that the statement was an incompetent, cynical and dishonest response to the judgement.

Mr Scott said that the statement arose from a High Court judgement on applications for judicial review in three cases concerning the social fund. That had confirmed the power to give directions for control and management of the fund, and confirmed the directions on how social fund inspectors were to review decisions, but found that some aspects of the guidance on budgets was too prescriptive. and therefore not valid as

The Department of Social Security was today issuing new guidance to all social fund officers to take account of the court's decision that some of the guidance on the hudget in the social fund manual had been couched in language that was too prescriptuve for guidance.

There would also be guidance today about applications for review from people who might we had applications to the fund rejected on grounds of insufficient priority because of budgetary constraints. A leaflet for the public, providing information oo the matter, was being distributed to DSS local

From the date of the judgement cases should not have been refused on the basis of defective guidance, but if any applicants were dissatisfied with the social fund officer's decision in their case, they had the right to request a review.

In the light of the judgement, be was introducing an amend-ment to the Social Security Bill. Changes to the social fund scheme to be made from April 9 would mean that people over 60 might qualify for help while retaining up to £1,000 in savings, rather than £500. The amount of maternity expenses payable would increase from £85 to £100.

He had announced last year that the gross allocation for discretionary payments in 1990-91 would be £205 million, but experience of operating the loans element of the fund had clearly shown that it would be possible to use the available resources even more flexibly next year through recirculation of repayments returning to the

"I am now able to increase the gross allocation by a further £10 million for 1990-91 to £215 gross budget for 1990-91 will be a matter for individual

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allocation made in April 1989. "The £215 million will be divided to provide £152 million for loans and £63 million for grants. As in previous years, I shall be holding back £2 million

In allocating budgets to local offices, the DSS had included the value of the additional allocations amounting to £3 million made in December and January to 106 offices facing particular pressure.

All the department's 448 local offices would have a higher allocation next year and 15 per cent of the offices would have increases of 10 per cent or more on April 1989 allocations. Nearly three-quarters of them would get increases of 5 per cent

The measures would ensure that the fund continued to be a fair and flexible scheme for those most in need (Labour

Mr Meacher said that the real meaning of this disingenuous statement was that the Government intended to ignore the decision and to give a nod and a wink to social fund officers to muddle through as best they could for the next month or two and, when the Bill came in, to make a directive that the cashlimited budget must, in all cases, so that any pretence of flexibility

or discretion was removed. The response was incom-petent because it left the local office in a state of limbo; cynical because it effectively put the High Court decision on ice; and dishonest because it side-stepped any review of past claimants on the basis of the

court ruling. The statement dodged the central issue of the cash-limited budget which was being raised by less than the rate of inflation.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C) said that the judgement had made clear that the fund was meant to be subject to cash limits and that the Secretary of State had to have power to issue regulations. With the extra help announced, it was an effective instrument of social

Mr Scott agreed and said that the predecessor schemes, for single payments and the like, were totally out of control. Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C)

sought an assurance that oo social services office would refuse a legitimate claim on the ground that it had exceeded its

Mr Scott said that between now and the time that the Social Security Bill was enacted social fund offices would work in accordance with the guidelines issued today. Offices would have to take account of the budget and priorities, but that would not be the overriding

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) wondered if the 70 per cent of the increase for loans and only 30 per cent for grants was the correct ratio, bearing in mind the acute difficulty which some recipients had repaying loans. Would the minister confirm

that if someone oo a repayment of a loan in one year, that would not militate against him or her being offered a grant in succeed-

in the circumstances of the case.

The proportion of grants and loans was broadly the same as that for last year. Mr Charles Kennedy, Liberal

Democrat spokesman on health, said that only one in teo of offices would have increases in their budgets to keep pace with inflation and these figures were distorted because many people had not bothered to claim in the first place. They knew that any help would be in the form of a loan which would come off their

Mr Scott said it was not inflation which had to be borne in mind. It was the level of need and the flexibility with which the department was able to The income support case load

has gone down. It would be possible to make out a case for reducing the budget. In fact, the Government had increased it. Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lancaster, C) asked what min-isters would do if an office ran

Mr Scott said that no office had run out of money or was in danger of doing so.

Mr Ted Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Lab) asked whether the new guidance being issued would allow payments for housing repairs.

Mr Scott said that, apart from the Social Fund, income support could provide help with housing irs and the Department the Environment also had

Mrs Andrey Wise (Preston, Lah) said the minister could not know if payments were equitable if it was not known the priority given, for example, to paying for a pair of shoes.

Mr Scott said York University was carrying out a monitoring of the effect of the social fund. The report would be made next year. Mr Patrick Thompson (Nor-

wich North, C) welcomed the extra money, but asked how constitueots who had previously been refused claims could re-Mr Scott said an applicant

had only to go along and ask for their case to be reviewed by the local office and that would be done in the light of the new

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C) called for an assurance that oo top priority cases would be refused help because of lack of money.

Mr Scott replied that he could see no reason why the needs of those with the highest priority should ant be able to be met.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that a problem arose if more people were in need than there as cash available.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bols-over, Lab) said Mr Scott had admitted that the amount was going to be less next year, taking inflatioo into account. Instead of running to the

television to twist words and give people the idea that this was a real advance, he should go to "cardboard city" and address people there who had finished up in a heap because they had beem unable to get the proper grants which used to be

Mr Scott said that, io practice, the allocation for the coming year, compared with the allocation last year, would be broadly in line with the index.

The Budget gave priority to the control of inflation. It would



Mr David Hunt (left), who is due soon to take up the office of Secretary of State for Wales from Mr Peter Walker (right), outside the Welsh Office in Whitehall yesterday with Herr Lothar Spath, Prime Minister of Baden-Warttemberg. Herr Spath will be visiting Wales next week with a team of businessmen

Timetable for joining ERM too leisurely, says Lawson

THE TIMETABLE envisaged be fatal to relax the tight by the Government for joining monetary and fiscal framework the exchange-rate mechanism of or to reduce interest rates prematurely. Interest rates would might be somewhat too leisurely for the circumstances in which the country found itself, Mr

Nigel Lawson, former Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, said during the resumed debate on the Budget.

"In my judgement, it is a pity we did not join some time ago, hut we did not. We cannot afford to take the risks involved in a leisurely timetable." He described non-member-

ship of the mechanism as an exposed flank, and suggested that Britain should join the mechanism, if occessary within the wider bands of adjustment available, rather than the narrower ones.

He said that Mr Major, the Chancellor, had said that he favoured a strong exchange rate. But it might be that words alone would oot be enough. Mr Michael Howard, Sec-

retary of State for Employment, opening the fourth and final day's debate on the Budget, said that the past seven years had seen unprecedented growth in employment.

The country had experienced the largest cootiooous fall in unemployment since the war. It was a record the Budget was designed to sustain and re-

There were oow 27 million jobs to the United Kingdom, 3.4 millioo more than in 1983. The number had grown three times more quickly than the European

"We have seen unemployment falling steadily for 43 months running. At 1.6 million, unemployment is oow half what it was io 1986. Our unemploy-ment rate of 5.6 per cent is a full

three perceotage points helow the EC average." Long-term unemployment was falling even more quickly, with the number down 780,000 since 1986. At the last election Labour promised a reduction of one million in two years; the Conservatives had done it in

union restrictive practices in training and raised levies on the

BUDGET DEBATE be maintained at high levels as started to correct those mis-

long as was necessor The future of jobs in the short term depended on pay settlements. If pay increases were awarded, that were not warranted by the competitive pos-tion of firms, the result would be higher production costs and, ultimately, job losses.

One of the most important factors in the growth in employment had been the enthusia of overseas investors to put their money into British businesses. One influential factor in this change was the transformation of industrial relations.

In each of the past two years, the number of strikes was the lowest since 1935. The number of strikes in January was the lowest January figure for 60 years, and the lowest figure for any month since September

The lessons of the 1970s was clear: strikes destroyed jobs. Strikes, overmanning and strictive practices exported Brit-ish jobs overseas. Since 1979 that trend had been decisively

The transformation of indus-trial relations would never have been possible without the Government's trade union legislaion. It was remarkable that the Opposition was committed to legislation that gave Britain the reputation for the worst industrial relations in the Western

"They are committed to leg-islation which would once again put trade unions above the law." Britain lagged behind her international competitors in some areas of education and training largely because of policies promoted by Labour in the 1960s and 1970s. These had reduced education attached reduced education standards and sought to bring everyone down to the same level of mediocrity. They had reinforced trade

best companies to subsidize the worst. The Government had

Record numbers of young people were staying on in fulltime further education beyond 16 and there were more students more than a million last year. A higher proportion of young people in Britain had degrees compared with France, West Germany or Japan.

In 1987, employers' investment in training was at a record £18 billion, and employers trained 70 per cent more employees last year than in 1984. The benefits to the econonly were to be seen in the fact that, despite an unprecedented period of economic growth, reported skill shortages last year were running at about half the level of the last comparable period in 1973.

The Training and Enterprise Councils being set up were possibly the most important change in the way that training was planned and delivered for nearly 30 years.

He hoped soon to announce that the first training councils had had their plans approved and were fully operational. With the help of the councils, the Government would be

pursuing three important priorities in the coming year. First, it would cominue to encourage stronger links between business and education to turn out young people better prepared for His department would invest more than £400 million in that process in the next three years. Second, the Government would look to the councils to set targets for the training of 16 and 17-year-old school leavers which would reflect the needs of the local labour market.

He would also expect the councils to see how more young people could be motivated to want to train and come to expect training as a normal part of their employment. Some £2.5 billion would be available from the Government in the next three

Some sports clubs facing

and increasing employer con-tributions.

would look to the councils widen the opportunities for adults to develop and opgrade their skills, particularly those that were scarce. The Government would support that with more than £1 billion in each of the next three years. Mr Tony Blair, chief Oppo-

sition spokesman on employ-ment, said that the Budget took refuge in addressing a number of small problems, but shrank from tackling the big problems, The gap between the popularity of the Budget in the Conservative Party and its credibility in the country reminded everyone how distant the Government was from the people.

Help to the blind, to football trusts, value-added tax relief for small firms and relief on the workplace nurseries were all welcome, but the bigger questions were ignored.

The public wanted to know why, if privatization was supposed to lower prices, it was facing big increase in water and electricity charges. It wondered how, if there was talk of economic muracles, it faced reclesion muracles, it faced rocketing mortgages and cuts in living standards.

It was puzzled why, after the poll tax was claimed to be fairer than rates, the scheme was attacked by even those who benefited and Conservative councillors chose to resign

People wanted to know why the balance of payments deficit was the worst on record, why inflation was the highest of any of the main ORCD countries. They did not understand how a Government in its second decade, after promising to bring down unemployment, had half a million more unemployed than it inherited.

On training of 16 to 19-year-On training of to to 19-year-olds, Britain was trailing behind Germany, Belgium and the United States. The CBI reported that the basic mathematical competence and foreign lan-guage skills of school leavers was well below that of other

Call for passport changes

A CALL for the private sector to be involved in the issuing of passports was made at question time by Mrs Teresa Gorman (Billericay, C), who said that the season of cherry blossom, Easter holidays, passport strikes and mayhem" approached.

She urged Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, to consider hold-ing discussions with private organizations experienced in issuing and in making changes. They did so for credit agencies and banks and turned around applica-tions with all necessary checks within a maximum of 10 days for less than £2 an

Mr Luce replied that plans were well advanced for an agency in the passport service. However, the Home Secretary (Mr David Wad-dington) had made plain that he would make use of the relevant private sector experience where that would. help to improve standards of service.

Chernobyl on the Channel

FEARS of a French Chernobyl-style disaster at one of the nuclear power stations on the Channel coast opposite England were expressed at question time by Mr Jens-thun Aitken (Thanet. South, C).

He said that a report by the inspector of French pointed out that in 20 years there was a one in twenty chance of a serious incident at power stations, 14 of which were within 30 miles of the English coast.

Mr Tony Baldry, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said that be would make sure that Mr Aitken and other MPs with constituencies near by had a full explanation of the situation.

Playground safety Bill

A BILL that would lay down safety standards for equipment, layout and sur-faces in children's play-grounds was introduced under the 10-minute-rule

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Mr Robert Hughes (Harrow West, C), introducing the Safety in Children's Playgrounds Bill, said that it would ensure that all equipment sold for use in playgrounds complied with British safety standards.

Ministry to stay intact

MRS THATCHER has rether of consumers nor of the industry would be served. by splitting the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. In a written reply, she said that the present arrangements ensured that ministerial responsibility for covered from the point of production to the point of sale to the consumer.

School costs TOTAL spending on assisted places for school pupils sisted places for school puri in the forthcoming finan-cial year is estimated to be £61,926,000, Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education, said in a written reply. There will be 33,288 placesd available in England in the academic year 1990-91, be said.

New drivers JUST OVER a million new full driving licences were issued last year, according to figures in a written reply from Mr Rebert Atkins, Under Secretary of State for Transport. The exact figures was 1 004 355 corrected. ure was 1,004,358 compared with 1,000,611 in the pre-vious year and 991,769 in

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-tious: Education and Science; Prime Minister, Motion for the Feature. and proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill when a variety of subjects can be raised Lords (2.30): Law Reform

(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, committee, second day.

Coalfield productivity up 60%

PRODUCTIVITY in the Nottinghamshire coalfield had risen by 60 per cent, up from 2.9 tonnes a man-shift in 1985-86 to 4.64 tonnes, in the first 11 months of 1989-90.

tonnes, in the first 11 months of 1989-90. Mr Tony Baldry, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said at questions.

The figures were welcomed by Mr Andrew Stewart (Sherwood, C) who said that, due to the skilful negotiations of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, a Nottinghamshire collery broke productive ity records every week (loud Conservative cheers). The union had not only increased miners' take-home pay but also had secured

British Coal's industrial future into the next century. The Secretary of State for Energy (Mr John Wakeham) should visit the coalfield to thank the miners. Mr Baldry said that Mr Wakeham was hoping to be able to visit the coalfield, as soon as a visit could be arranged, to thank

Mr Baldry said that the scare stories of

Later, Mr Baldry said that the Govern-

ment's commitment to the coal industry

was demonstrated, not least last week, by the passing of the Coal Act which would

provide between £5 to £7 billion of

taxpayers' money to ensure that the overhang of past debts would be cleared,

further huge cootractions had been seri-

Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse (Pootefract and Castleford, Lab) said that when Mr Wakeham went to the coalfield he should tell the miners how many pits were going to close, and how many would shut because of the 20 per cent non-lossil-fuel quota for the generating industry. The true costs of ouclear power should be given to the House

which would ensure a productive and profitable coal industry.

Mr Frank Dobson, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, asked why the Government was proposing in stab Not-tinghamshire miners in the back by pushing

for coal imports through lummingham and by supporting PowerGeo and National Power in building two gas-fired stations. Eveo The Daily Telegraph had said that that would spell the end of the Nottinghamshire coalfield. That was a poor way to reward the increased productivity.

Mr Bakry said that he found Mr Dobson's remarks difficult to reconcile with the £2 million the Government invested in the iodustry every working day, and with the £5 billion to £7 billion it was providing to clear its overhang debt.

British Coal had succeeded io securing coal contracts with the new generators that

would guarantee a stable market and

guarantee income for the next three years.

'huge rise in their bills' rate was likely to increase total bills for some amateur sports clubs by np to 300 per cent, Lord Dean of Beswick (Lab) said during question time in the House of Lords.

Lord Hesketh, Under Secretary of State or the Environ-ment, questioned about the effects of the uniform business rate on amateur and pro-fessional sports clubs, said that the average rates bill for sports grounds, sports stadiums, playing fields and club houses in England would increase by 2.5

Lord Dean of Beswick said

appears that the Government is having a rethink about some of the sums that are having to be paid by people both on the uniform business rate as well as

per cent figure given because be was concerned only with the effects of the uniform business rate on amateur sports.

be said, amateur sports, includ-ing rugby umon, association football, bowls, tennis, athletics and others sports, the increase in percentage terms "is a minium of 200 per cent and in some cases over 300 per cent.

"If you take the broad basis"

"Bearing in mind that it

the poil tax, would he ask the Secretary of State, in reviewing other areas concerning the new financial arrangements, to take on board some of the discrepan-cies that appear to be levied against sporting clubs?"

Lord Hesketh said that the average rate bills for golf clubs, swimming pools and tennis facilities would rise by 20.5 per cent and for leasure and sports centres the average increase would be 30 per cent.

Local authorities would contime to have discretion to grant up to 100 per cent rate relief on profit-making bodies.

per cent.

Lithuania keeps up guard after talks with Army

A STANDSTILL agreement may have been reached between the Soviet Army and the Lithuanian leadership, promised to take no action members of which were yesterday cautiously optimistic about the possible opening of occotiations with Moscow.

Mr Romuaidas Ozolas, the Deputy Prime Minister, said the agreement might "provide the basis for negotiations at a higher level", but he warned the country: "Don't drop your

As if to reinforce his words, several military helicopters flew low over Vilnius yesterday afternoon, scattering unsigned leaflets denouncing independence and declaring that "the leaders of Sajudis seized power to fulfil their ambitions, and their aims are directed against the people".

The leaflets went on to invite people to a rally outside the parliament building at 4pm today. Two teaching institutes belonging to the Soviet Com-

munist Party were yesterday still occupied by troops, but students and teachers were allowed free access.

Talking to the press about the meeting yesterday morning between sovernments.

presentatives and two officers from the Soviet Army and the Ministry of the Interior "It is safe to say the most dangerous moment has passed." The tension among Lithu-

anian leaders and deputies has report of an imminent seizure

by General Valentin Varenni- terday, life continued as norkov, who is with the troops in mal. Even the students going Lithuania and seems to be conducting a form of "field troops on duty did so without policy", presumably an behalf

Mr Ozolas said: "It seems that the upper echelons of the the Army on the grounds that armed forces, who yesterday they belong to the Communist did not appear to have a clear Party would only two years

described as a "breakthrough" the fact that "both sides without informing the other".

The Soviet officers, meanwhile, raised the question of a Soviet soldier supposedly beaten up on Sunday in the town of Saule, and of other Soviet soldiers "insulted".

The Lithuanian government has set up a co-ordinating group to try to avoid es and "provocation". It is, however, not yet clear if representatives of the Army will

from his pessimism of Sunday night, Mr Ozolas said that talks about technicalities with the Army are not really about technicalities. They are an attempt to open up a larger question of the Army being

Lithuanian representatives were to leave last night for Moscow to meet US Senator Edward Kennedy, who is visiting the Soviet Union, and Mr Ozolas did not rule out that they might have talks with the Kremlin.

The troops, young con-scripts, seemed rather be-wildered and embarrassed by Mr Gorbachov already ex-

occupied symbolic positions in the city, and made the point that it must be consulted, seems to have no wish to take troops, Mr Ozolas declared: matters further for the Both sides are refraining

from using their more dangerous weapons: on the Soviet dropped sharply since the side, overpowering military force; on the part of the of parliament by the Soviet Lithuanian leadership, the loyalist Yedinstvo movement calling of mass demonstration which alarmed Mr Ozolas on against the Army's presence in

into their institutes past the Prime Minister. giving any appearance of fac-ing serious danger.

The buildings occupied by

they themselves created." He selves. Today, if the Army's symbolic institutions, the symbolism seems empty given the Communist Party's decay.

The plenum of the Lithuanian party's central committee met yesterday under its presi-dent, Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, the Deputy Prime Minister, and invited local party organizations to make recommendations for a complete restructuring of the party,

including a change of name.

Outside, fewer than 200 pickets from the Soviet Communist Party in Lithuania insisted that the central com-Seeming to have recovered mittee building belonged to their party. Most of them were very angry, but also elderly, poor and rather pathetic. It is not easy to picture them forming "militias" to bring down the Lithuanian government. Workers in any event yesterday denied that such militias were being set up by Yedinstvo.

Whether the present truce can hold depends on several factors. Given the clarity of the basic issue of Lithuania's declaration of independence, the grounds for a long-term compromise are not easily detectable although, in the short term, issues like the creation of a Lithuanian bor-

der guard can be fudged. Deputies here were pointing out yesterday that the Estomans have for some time had a system of guards checking goods passing in and out of their republic without this having caused conflict with

The Kremlin is still trying to increase the deep splits already existing between the Sajudis leadership and that of the Lithuanian Communist Party, by keeping open its old lines of communication to Mr Brazanskas and the old ministers, rather than to Mrs Kazimiera Prunskiene, the new

President Landsbergis complained about this to parhiament yesterday morning, and Mr Zigmas Vajsvila, a leading Sajudis deputy, said: "For two days Mr Brazauskas has been smiling - so perhaps line, do not want to take ago have been of great pol- he knows something from advantage of a situation that itical importance in them- Moscow that we don't."

US puts treaties on the line to deter use of force By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

arms control treaties and trade agreements with the Soviet Uninn if Moscow takes forceful action against Lithuania, according to a highly placed

US official yesterday. Despite the apparent casing of tension in Vilnius yesterday after the talks between senior Soviet Army officers and Lithuanian officials, the US considers that the action taken so far by Mr Gorbachov is fullnwing "a dangerous

While the British Government is taking a more san-guine view of Mr Gorbachov's dilemma in dealing with the secessionists in Lithuania, Washington is now ready to adnot a much tougher

So far Mr Bush has kept his public statements restrained in the hope that Mr Gorbachov would keep his promise to resolve the Lithuanian problem through dialogue, not

However, the US official made it clear yesterday that in Washington's eyes, the defi-

Kosovo region began round-

ing up Albanian suspects al-

leged to have used the poison

scare to launch an attack

against the Serbian popula-

tion, while 2.500 armed Ser-

bian policemen joined

another Serbian force of 2,000

stationed in the region since

MrRadmilo Bogdanovic,

the Serbian police chief, said

police units were now in

charge in all towns and settle-

At least 25 Albanians were

arrested in the main hospital

in Pristina, but many more are

ments in the province.

lest month.

PRESIDENT BUSH is pre- streets". He said: "The Soviets Soviet Union, Britain, France pared to sacrifice prospective may interpret force in dif- and the two Germanies.

> "But using tanks to put Moscow back in control of Lithuania would be viewed as that would rule out a 35force in our eyes." So, too, would a declaration of martial law or a state of emergency. The official said: "There

might not be much force used but it would have the same effect nn the independence process in Lithuania." Any such move by Moscow would "definitely have serious implications for our relations with the Soviet Union".

The official said it would not mean a state of "deep freeze" between Washington and Moscow. The US did not want "to make life difficult for Mr Gorbachov" but the atmosphere of trust that had grown between Mr Bush and Mr Gorbachov would be damaged.

Any attempt to crush Lithuania's fight for selfdetermination would have a 'knock-on effect" on the arms control negotiations, now making good progress, and on the two-plus-four talks on mition of force was not just German reunification being sion legislation through the shooting people in the held between the US, the Soviet Parliament.

It would also slow down the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna, and nation summit planned for the end of the year to sign an arms treaty and to discuss the future security of Europe. American trade agreements with the Soviet Union would have to come under scrutiny because, under US legislation, trade with Moscow was linked to human rights, the official said.

British officials understand Mr Gorbachov's difficulties. He has legislation before the Supreme Soviet which would create the mechanism for secession by the republics and he needs to show a strong hand in dealing with Lithuania's unilateral declaration.

There are also two views about the way the West should respond to the crisis: on the one hand, too many warnings from Western leaders could weaken Mr Gorbachov's position; on the other, threats of dire consequences from the West could help Mr Gorbachov to push the seces-

Voting | Honecker treason | charge dropped

terday that charges of treason and conspiracy levelled at Herr Erich Honecker, the former leader, and three leading former Polithuro members, are to be dropped.

blow

to Kohl

From Ian Murray

THE West German Chan-cellor, Herr Helmut Kohl,

may have scored a personal triumph in the East German

elections, but things are not

going so well for him at home.

On Sunday, for the first time, his Christian Democrats (CDU) were beaten into second place in local elections in Schleswig-Holstein by the opposition Social Democrats (SPD). The Chancellor's rush to reunification appears to be an important reason for the

an important reason for the narrow but significant defeat.

Along with the SPD, the

Free Democrats - junior part-

four years ago, thus giving them seats in big city councils. In the Bavarian local elec-

SPD also did well, winning a number of councils from the

Christian Social Union, the

CDU's right-wing Bavarian

sister party. However, electors

then were voting in ignorance

of the ultimate result in East

Germany, probably believing the predictions of an SPD

victory. The SPD in Bavaria

could well have benefited

from the belief that victory in

the East would make it the

Last Sunday, however, voters knew the Chancellor and not the SPD bad won in

the East, and this might have

well been expected to sway the voters in Schleswig-Holstein back to the CDU. For it was

only in unusual circumstances

two years ago in the state elections that the people here

turned away from the CDU.

which had ruled there since

the foundation of West Ger-

The SPD's success then

undoubtedly owed a good deal to the fact that the CDU was

discredited by suspicions that its lead candidate, Herr Uwe

Barschel, had been involved

in a "dirty tricks" campaign

Herr Biorn Engholm, the

present SPD Prime Minister -

the man attacked in the "dirty

tricks" campaign - has been a

high-profile, populist leader. Again, in normal circum-stances, his more radical poli-

cies could well have frightened

voters back to the CDU. The

fact that this did not happen

points to local concern about

many 37 years before.

against the opposition.

party of the future.

Herr Hans-Jürgen Joseph said there were no grounds in East German law to support the charges, the most serious of the accusations against the former leadership.

Herr Joseph said further charges of corruption and abuse of office would be pursued against Herr Honecker, Herr Günter Mittag, his economie chief, and Herr Erich Mielke, head of state Herr Joachim Herrmann,

ners in the government co-alition — could take comfort in the result, which pushed them up to 6.I per cent, from 4.4 in the last local election the former media chief whn was facing treason charges only, will be released from prison in the next few days. After the announcement Mr Ingmar Wagner, the leader of the Danish Communist tions the previous Sunday, the Party, renewed his offer of sanctuary in Copenhagen to Herr Honecker and his wife, Margot, the former Education

> The couple are known to be many but will not be given exit visas until the remaining charges have been examined. Berlin to a government house

> in the country at the weekend failed when residents attacked the van carrying the couple. Legal experts have expected that the charge of treason was not tenable within existing East German law which defines the crime as "conspiring to nverthrow the socialist

order in the state".

Many East Germans believe feeling towards the former leader, was a sop to public anger and was never intended to come to court. Meanwhile, complicity.

EAST GERMANY'S state attempts to form a grand many were hindered yesterday when Herr Ibrahim Bohme, the leader of the Social Democratic Party, relinquished his posts within the party pending the clarification of allegations that he was a Stasi informant.

President Gorbachov and Senator Edward Kennedy abaring a joke in the Kremtin. Mr Kennedy, on his fourth visit to the Soviet Union, told reporters he would be discussing arms control, human rights and economic co-operation. He also planned to meet ordinary Soviet citizens

East and West find friendship in Kremlin

Similar charges were denied last week by Herr Lothar de Maizière, the leader of the Christian Democrats, the strongest party in the new Parliament. Der Spiegel, the West Ger-

man magazine, has alleged that Herr Böhme, a wellknown opponent before the reforms, co-operated with the state security service for many ears under the codenames Paul Bongartz and Dr Rohloff. Herr Böhme denies the charges and has instituted legal proceedings to clear his

But it is thought that the move will further delay co-alition talks scheduled to begin on Thursday. Herr Volker Ruhe, the sec-

retary of the Christian Demo-cratic Union in West Germany, yesterday urged the East German parties to put the anxious to leave East Ger- accusations aside and build a government as soon as

An attempt to move them for the methods of the state from the vicarage outside East security service itself if people allow this to delay them in forming a government," he Herr Rainer Eppelmann,

the leader of the conservative Democratic Awakening, yesterday said that he believed the denials of both politicians and spoke of "an atmosphere of hysteria and backstabbing" in the country.

Herr Eppelmann was hounthat the charge, which was ded by the Stasi for many brought at the height of ill- years as a dissident priest and as such is one of the few East German politicians to be considered above suspicion of

pace of further developments

in the European Community.

have conveyed the French

Government's view that the European Community should

open talks on political union

M Rocard is understood to

Moscow seeks firmer Seoul ties

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Korea, which established con- Seoul's interest in tapping sular offices in each other's what could be a vast Sovie capitals last year, are to accelerate progress towards full diplomatic relations, it was announced yesterday.

made by Mr Kim Young Sam. co-chairman of South Korea's ruling Democratic Liberal Party, at the end of a week-long visit to the Soviet Union, which he described as inaugurating "a completely new chapter" in relations between the two countries.

As a transitional stage Mos-cow and Seoul are 10 establish full consular relations. Although the visit was tech-

nically private - at the invita-

tion of the Institute of World Economics and International Relations - it included meetings with Politburo member Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, the Central Committee chairman for international affairs, Mr Yevgeni Primakov, the chairman of one of the chambers of the Supreme Soviet, a deputy Soviet industry minister and many other senior officials.

Mr Kim's party included a large number of South Korean officials and businessmen. There were reports - which

Mr Kim would not confirm by President Gorbachov. Given the lack of diplomatic relations between the two

would be highly unusual.

Moscow is believed to be particularly interested in expanding relations with status as an underdeveloped be cheaper and generally less sophisticated than Japanese products adds to its attraction as an economie partner for the

THE Soviet Union and South believed to have increased

Members of South Kores's business community have been visiting eastern Siberia in recent munths to gauge investment and development opportunities there.

A major obstacle to im-proved relations between Moscow and Seoul in the past has been Moscow's support for the North Korean leader. President Kim II Sung, which has been coupled with strident condemnation of the US military presence in the South. Mr Gorbachov's "new political thinking" has reduced the role of ideology in foreign policy, and Moscow's decision to take part in the 1988 Olymnic Games brought tentative warming to the South.

The communique issued at the end of Mr Kim Young Sam's visit to Moscow stipulated nonetheless that relations between South Korea and the Soviet Union were "not intended to harm the He even hinted that Moscow might have a mediating influence in the conflict between North and South Korea as the 40th anniversary of the outapproaches.

The improvement of relations with South Korea seems countries, such a meeting to have been given priority by the Soviet leadership over the past year, as attempts to court Japan came to nothing and hopes of a rapid change for the South Korea because of its better in relations with China were frustrated by the gradual country which quickly became return to ideological and ecoa manufacturing success. The nomic nrthodnxy following fact that its products tend to the Tiananmen Square killings last June.

Bulgaria and Mongolia, which also had relations only with North Korea, have in the oviet Union.

The current pause in South intention of normalizing rela-Korea's economic fortunes is tions with the South.

Stalemate over European union

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

MRS Margaret Thatcher and future shape of Europe and the with a view to some form of underway. "You don't need to M Michel Rocard, the French Prime Minister, agreed to differ during talks at Downing Street yesterday on the ques-tion of European integration.

But the talks, which lasted two and half hours including lunch, were described as friendly and constructive and included discussion of the prospects of closer Anglo-French co-operation. The French Government is

seeking a closer relationship with Britain to counter the extra weight that Germany will have as a result of the unification proces The two Prime Ministers

welcomed the progress made on co-operation since Mrs Thatcher's meeting with President Mitterrand in January and agreed that discussions on this should continue.

They also discussed the



M Rocard: Seeking an accord by 1993

The French hope is that there should be agreement nn establishing economic and monetary union by the middle nf 1991. With this in mind, the

French would favour the early convening of an inter-govern-ment conference on monetary They would also like to see

its scope widened to include the issue of political union. The British Government is sceptical about trying to bring forward the proposed intergovernment conference.

It has agreed to it starting at the end of this year but still thinks that is premature. There are also differing

views as to whether tentative agreement on the issues inbefore such a conference gets the Exchequer.

agreement by the start of 1993. have a concensus to start such a conference but you do needune to end it," said one. Whitehall source.

Mrs Thatcher reiterated her view that the European Community should not move in the direction of greater centralized control and less democracy at the very time the greater part of the worldwas moving away from such

The Downing Street talks centred un developments in-Europe, German unification and its consequences for the European Community as a whole.

Earlier M Rocard had talks with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. He also met Mr Tnm King, the Secretary of State for Defence, and Mr" volved should be reached John Major, the Chancellor of

Call for EC-wide spending curbs one source close to the committee.

From Peter Guilford Brussels

FINANCE experts in the European Community are calling for treaty rules to control government spending as an indispensable part of the bloc's economic and monetary union, it emerged from Brussels officials yesterday.

The confidential recommendation, drawn up by the EC's powerful "monetary committee" - a think-tank of senior government officials including treasury experts and deputy governors of the EC's 12 central banks — is understood to say budgetary discipline should be reinforced by the EC's founding Treaty of Rome.

"The treaty should incorporate the ideas of first correcting and then avoiding excessive budget deficits," said

adding: "We will propose budgetary discipline as an element of the (EC) constitution." The proposal will draw a mixed

reaction from the Government, which is deeply sceptical about full economic and monetary union (EMU) and vehemently opposed to any attempt to enlarge the EC Treaty to accommodate it.

Mrs Thatcher approves of nations adopting tight spending controls similar to those in Britain, but she is determined to fight the formation of central rules, which she believes would be an unacceptable loss of government control over budgetary policy.

The report from the monetary committee appears to conflict with the views

takes a more conciliatory line in a paper about the costs and benefits of EMU The Commission's report backs the concept of a single European currency." the ECU, but says governments need only be encouraged to co-ordinate their budget policies along looser guidelines, rather than be legally bound by centrally enforced rules.

EC Finance Ministers will discuss the apparently contradictory reports at, Ashford Castle, County Mayo, in the Irish Republie on Saturdy.

The Irish Government, which holds the EC presidency, has played down the apparently conflicting attitudes on mean sures to tighten governments' spending-A spokesman for the presidency admit-ted yesterday, however, that "there was, still a battle to be fought".

believed to have been rounded up, among them the medical staff in the hospital including some prominent Albanian doctors who have been treating the Albanians for suspected poisoning.

"We are identifying organizers of assaults against the Serbs as well as the perpetrators of the alleged poisoning High Commission for Refuamong Albanians," Mr gees has demanded further Bogdanovic said.

The regional police chief, of the serious view that would

over direct control in the an Albanian who was largely regarded as a Serbian stooge, resigned after the Serbs accused Albanian policemen of failing to protect them and even joining the angry crowd in beating up the Serbs.

Albanian suspects rounded up

The regional presidency said in a statement the situation threatened to become tragic and appealed to young people not to listen to propaganda from either side.

A show of force was evident as Serbia took control over security while the hardline Serbian leadership went out of its way to reassure the Serbs that it would stamp out separatism. It pledged to go ahead with its programme to bring in 100,000 Serbian settlers by the summer while expelling Albanian immigrants.

Western governments have already warned that such a move would have serious international repercussions, while the United Nations

information, leaving no doubt

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade SERBIAN police who took Mr Yusuf Karakushi, himself be taken should the threat be mours to stir up popular

The mystery over the illness which has gripped 2,000 Albanians has however still not been cleared. Yugoslavia's federal government announced over the weekend there was no evidence to support the claim of poisoning over by Serbia is bound to and accused the Albanian strengthen Albanian resis-

spoke of a new kind of psychological warfare intent on plunging the country into But Albanian human rights activists say the suspension of regional police and the take-

unrest. Serbian politicians

separatists of spreading ru- tance. AUSTRIA HUNGARY SLOVENIA ROMANIA **CROATIA** /QJYODINA Belgrade UGOSL AVIA KOSOVO MACEDONIA

ITALY 100 miles

Centre right [1] claims poll triumph in lungary

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

HUNGARY'S centre-right opposition party, the Demo-cratic Forum, emerged yesterday as the country's most popular party in the first free

election in more than 45 years. With 60 per cent of the vote counted, it captured 25 per cent of the vote while its closest rival, the radical Alliance of Free Democrats, drew 20 per cent.

Results were delayed 24 hours by a computer hreak-

Dr Jozsef Antall, president of the Democratic Forum and the likely new prime minister, said unequivocably: "We can qualify as the winner from these results and see in the second round of voting a chaoce to improve. This will definitely put us in the positioo of forming a new government"

However, Mr Janos Kis, a leader of the Free Democrats, also held out a possibility of leading after the second

"We are confident we can overtake the Forum wheo the final mandates for par-liamentary seats are decided,"

The Smallholders' Party, which advocates a radical land reform programme, was in third place with almost 13 per cent of the vote, less than coalition government.

with the Democratic Forum if round,

Smallholders and the Christian Democrats, and both the uency results. Democratic Forum and the Free Democrats have ruled out any Socialist Party role in

The Socialists, the break-

But there was an embarrass-Pozsgay, the party's most fiercely anti-communist candidates from the Democratic Forum and the Democratic Forum, although

was a strategic target of many parties, so I had to reckoo with

Mr Pozsgay will face a runoff election on April 8 as will Mr Gyula Horn, the popular Socialist foreign minister who was placed first in his district but who did not attain the

necessary 50 per cent.
Orthodox Marxists of the
Hungarian Socialist Workers
party fared badly, achieving less than 4 per cent of the vote nationwide, which means they will not be represented in

Io many constituencies voters appeared to favour certaio personalities and independent candidates and split their two votes between these and parties on the constituency and county levels.

Mr Mikios Nemeth, the outgoing Prime Minister, was easily elected as an independent candidate while Mrs Anna Petrosovits, president of the Social Democratic Party, landed in sixth place. Mr Bela Kiraly, the commander-in-chief of the National Guard in 1956 and a popular hero who turned his forces against the invading Russian troops, came in first as an independent but will also face a run-

about half of the 386 seats in the oew Parliament will be decided in the first round. Many smaller parties were expected but enough to make eliminated, but a cluster, it a power broker in forming a including the Christian Democrats and the Young Demo-Mr Rezso Nyers, president crats, which both received of the Socialist Party, said it about 8 per cent, will have was ready to join a coalition candidates in the second

The final apportionment of However, Dr Antall said his seats will be known only then, party's closest allies were the as it must include 58 seats on a national list based on constit-

Voters confounded theories about a split in urban and rural preferences. The Budapest-based Free Democrats. founded by intellectuals and away reform wing of the old former dissidents, took 28 per Communist Party, made a cent in the capital, barely surprisingly strong showing equal to the Democratic Forum which had virtually conceded Budapest and had ing defeat for Mr Imre concentrated instead oo reinforcing its already strong posoutspoken reformer and once ition in the countryside, the country's most popular Eighteen of 32 Free Demopolitician, who came in third cratic candidates in Budapest

League of Young Democrats. largely predicted in the polls, Mr Pozsgay said he was disappointed but not surpeals to oational identity prised. "I knew all the time I which might have gained support during the clashes be-tween Huogarians and Romanians io Transylvania.

Hardship ahead on the tortuous road to freedom

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

ment of Hungary will have Democrats says. little time to celebrate the return to democracy as it will inberit an economic mess brought on hy years of poor showed that only 30 per cent

central planning, commuoist of the country's products are corruption and suffocating trade ties to the Soviet Uninn.

Although the late Kadar years did see small openiogs towards a market economy, which made Hungary the showeres of Soviet entellites.

Showed that only 30 per tent of the country's products are of sufficiently high quality to be sold in the West.

How long this transformation will take may be crucial to the nation's economic survival. There are already survival. There are already survival. borrowing heavily to import West in a desperate attempt to keep the population happy facilities closed after the Govand under control.

The leftovers were poorly invested in the kind of rustbuilt industry always favoured

Now Hungary is saddled with a £13 billion foreign debt. rampant inflation of at least 20 per cent and about 50,000 unemployed. That could surge to almost 400,000 if the decrepit state factories are shut, something which the interim administration hesiisted to do.

Communist policies have also produced an average monthly salary of \$110 (£68) and about one-fourth of the population living below the poverty level. All solutions will be provided by the poverty level. The second secon will be painful but the big parties, expected to emerge victorious from yesterday's general election, are committed to capitalism and the freemarket system.

Only the pace of change is in dispute. While the centre-right Democratic Forum urges a "cautious privatization" and wants the state to continue stewardship of more than 30 certainly be ended, the Govper cent of the economy, the more radical Alhance of Free Democrats says the state should quickly lade away and intrepreneurial skills to

THE newly elected govern- economic adviser to the Free

Hungary must also start making things the world wants. A recent survey

showcase of Soviet satellites, daot signs of decay: 10,000 economic planners began workers at the state-owned lkarus bus and coach manuconsumer goods from the facturer were suspended last month and all production criment ordered a stop to rouble exports, and 70,000 miners are working without pay because the state mining firm has nothing left in the

> At the same ome, money is flowing in from the West in the form of more than 1,000 new joint ventures and a \$1 billion bail-out from the International Monetary Fund. However, the IMF money could be cut off if the new government reneges nn promises in keep the bloated budget deficit under control and to change the rouble surplus to a

A new trade agreement signed with Moscow a few days ago should help to ease the imbalance, but reducing the budget deficit will be barder because the public is used to cheap subsidized services and housing. Changing them too quickly could prompt social norest and threaten the fledgeling government's stability.

ernment must move to stop old communist managers from making off with profits by selling out bankrupt state the tax structure he over- firms. Many dubinus holding hauled to allow Hungary's companies have been formed with communist heads in control. They transferred We need to make Hungary shares toto their name before t nation of shopkeepers," one selling them to foreign buyers.



Dr Jozsef Antall, president of the Democratic Forum and the likely new prime minister, flashing the victory sign at a pre-results news conference in Budapest. Early results pointed to a strong lead for the forum

Elections fail to overthrow old disorder

io more than 40 years. Elecbloc tradition of maddening incompetence.

Hungarians like to consider themselves closer to modern Western Europe than Eastern Europe, which they derisively call "The Balkans" or "Asia". But the election and its

aftermath appeared to show that the nation bad some way to go in its aspirations to Western efficiency. While international monitors expressed satisfaction with the fairness of the voting,

the reporting of results was occasionally reminiscent of vaudeville. East Germany, which staged the Soviet hloc's first democratic national elections on March 18, met the expectations of Western reporters by providing projections shortly after polis closed. Provisional fioal results were available

five hours after the last vote was cast, with the official vote couot tallied by next morning. But the East Germans had West German computers and know-how. The Hungarians

Budapest - It was a case of had modern computers but East meeting West on Sunday appeared incapable of using at Hungary's first democratic them. Gleaming banks of voting on a nation-wide scale computer terminals were on appeared incapable of using display both at election committee headquarters at Parof fair play, but compilation of liament and in the election results was in the best Soviet studio of state television, which went live shortly after polis closed for a scheduled 24-hour broadcast, complete with an inspiring musical theme and jazzy graphics.

But computer screens remained blank. Either because of problems or just plain distrust of modern technol-ogy, electioo officials decided in the last minutes to tally ballots cast by more than five millioo people by hand and use the computers only to cross-check final results.

That, in turn, emasculated the televisioo's computer system, which had been partially depending oo feeds from the election committee's oetwork. Red-faced commentators mumbled excuses, reading hand-scrawled results of frequently obscure candidates that left viewers baffled.

Half-hearted attempts to draw on the computer were nften embarrassing. A panel of experts, attempting to ex-plain inconclusive and misleading computer data, gave up yesterday.



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Hawke poised to retain power with reduced majority

The Australian Electoral

MR BOB HAWKE, the Liberal leader, acknowledged state government is unpop Australian Prime Minister, that his chances of taking seemed set last night to retain power were slim, based on power with a parliamentary assessments of the outstand-majority of at least two seats ing seats. after Saturday's election.

The best he can hope for, it Commission has told Mr seems, is a majority of six in Hawke that it expects him to the 148-member House of retain power with a majority Representatives, although La- of at least two seats, clearing bor pollsters privately do not the way for him to stay on as expect it to be that high.

The final outcome in several marginal seats will not be known until the end of this week, leaving Mr Hawke in charge of a caretaker government until victory is certain. The opposition Liberal Party refused to concede defeat, outside chance of a hung

Postal votes and preference allocations are being included in neck-and-neck contests in six constituencies that are yet conservative movement. Natto be declared, with results expected tomorrow or on visionally arranged to elect a

Voting was again postponed at two small polling stations in the marginal Queensland

Although Mr Peacock is likely to be reconfirmed as Liberal leader, it is clear that constituency of Kennedy because of flooding. The polls may open today. The Liberals and the governing Labor Party have filled the area with workers in an attempt to capture the support of the remaining few hundred people waiting to cast a vote, in case they can tip the scales.

caretaker Prime Minister. The tally yesterday was: Labor 73, Liberal-National Party coalition 68, Independent 1.

The National Party, whose strength has fallen from 18 seats to 14, is in a crisis as it awaits the expected defeat of its leader, Mr Charles Blunt, saying there was still an in a still undecided contest with an Independent.

> There is speculation that the party, whose strength lies in rural areas, may merge with the Liberals to create a united ional Party MPs have pronew leader on Friday.

he will face an early leadership contest, although no obvious successor has emerged. The Australian Democrats, too, are looking for a leader after the formal resignation of Mrs Janine Haines after her electoral defeat.

The Labor Party is in turmoil after the manling it Mr Andrew Peacock, the suffered in Victoria, where the 1990s.

Swiss hunt £12m raiders

Mr Hawke's priority as he prepares to form a new gov ernment will be to stop Australia slipping into recession. Both he and Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer - who is expected to become deputy Prime Minister - have raised expectations of an early reduc-

Mr Keating said that as soon as the election result was unambiguous" he would inform the Reserve Bank that the Government believed interest rates should be lowered

tion in interest rates.

Labor strategists believe they have achieved the near impossible by getting the Government re-elected when the economy is in poor shape. They hope that by the time of the next election, due in three years if the Government runs a full course, the economy will be stronger and Labor will be well placed for a popularity revival, just as the Menzies Government recovered after being jolted in 1961.

The Liberal Party's challenge will be to settle the leadership question. Mr Peacock's poor performance clearly played a pivotal role in the party's failure to capitalize on Labor's vulnerability, and yet there is no obvious successor. The leadership dilemma could continue to dampen its elec-toral prospects well into the

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

THE 40 staff of the foreign ment. They disconnected the banknotes from a foreign cenexchange department at the main Geneva office of the Union Bank of Switzerland were interrogated by police yesterday after foreign cur-rency worth £12.5 million was stolen on Sunday.

According to Mr Henri Monz, the bank's manager, the four armed men who entered the bank through a staff entrance after tying up and gagging two unarmed security men, went straight to the foreign exchange depart- received "a large sum" in

alarm system and obtained the keys and codes, enabling them to open 12 safes, They took banknotes,

mostly in Swiss and French francs, Deutschmarks and sterling, leaving untouched stacks of Italian lire and African currencies, Mr Munz denied that the bank's security system was obsolete. He said the possibility of an inside job "could not be excluded".

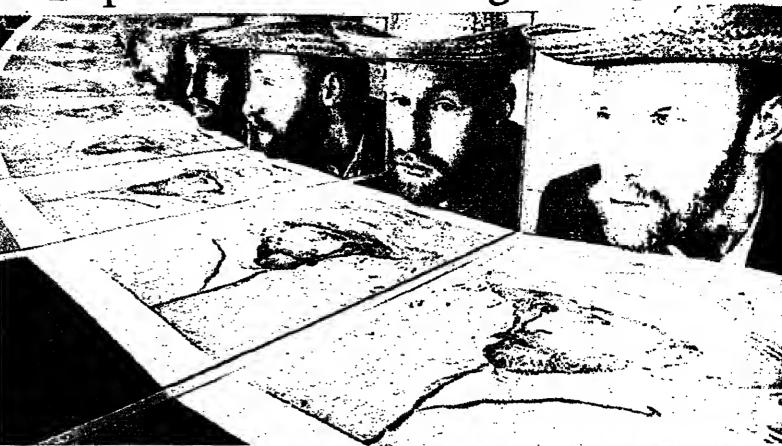
On Friday the bank had

tral bank. The robbery was discovered about two hours after the raiders struck when a bank computer programmer arrived to start work. He found staff members gagged

The leader of the gang was described as impeccably dressed and "wearing an expensive suit with a tie".

Police believe the robbers were across the frontier and well into France long before

Impressions of Van Gogh's tragic life



Reflections on glory: Donald Bonnema, a Dutch actor who bears a startling resemblance to Vincent van Gogh, contemplating a self-portrait by the painter before the opening of an exhibition in Amsterdam this week to mark the artist's death by snicide, at the age of 37, 100 years ago

Mugabe deputy's guards 'wounded rival candidate'

From Jan Reath, Harare

have acted without

instructions," Mr Nyambuya

he had been abducted by the

same bodyguards, beaten up,

shot at on a lonely spot

Mr Edgar Tekere, the chair-

man of Zum, which is mount-

ing the substantive opposition

lleged. He also claimed that

BODYGUARDS of Mr Simon Muzenda, Zimbabwe's terday accused of shooting and wounding an opposition bayi, the President claimed. candidate who is considered. The other account came almost certain to win a seat from President Mugabe's rul-ing Zanu (PF) Party in tomor-

Mr Patrick Kombayi, the and his right eye severely Zimbabwe Unity Movement bloodshot, he said that Mr (Zum) candidate in the city of Muzenda's government-sup-Gweru, is recovering after two hours of surgery on Saturday in which at least two bullets were removed from his stomach and another from his leg.

The shooting was the latest incident in the rarely publicized violence of the election campaign. Two conflicting accounts of

the shooting have emerged. The first is from Mr Mugabe, who told cheering partisan rally crowds around Harare on Sunday that the incident had been provoked by Mr Kombayi who, he alleged, had shot to Mr Muzenda and then, press conference that the in-

helped by other Zum supportcident was devised by the ruling party to "finish off" Mr ers, had set the vehicle on fire. Kombayi.
Officials of two indepen-Zann (PF) officials had retaliated by shooting Mr Kom-

dent election monitoring groups which are drawing up yesterday from Mr Jerry Nyambuya, aged 32, Zum's reports on the Gwern incident, but who asked not to director of elections. With his be identified, said their inface swollen, his upper lip split vestigations appeared to con-firm Mr Nyambuya's version and the shooting of six Zum plied bodyguards had am-bushed Mr Kombayi and shot

One of them pointed out, however, that "it is extremely him, his driver and four other dificult to know what the truth

There is no way his (Mu-"You can hardly find anyzenda's) bodygnards would one in Gweru you could call an impartial observer."

What can be said with some certainty of the situation in the fear-haunted townships of Gweru is that Mr Kombayi has taken full control of the outside the city, and left for city with a well-organized army of youths equipped with walkie-talkies, so preventing the powerful Zanu (PF) Vice-President from conducting at the tyres of a loury belonging to Zann (PF), said at the same anything but a peripheral

Gondoliers beat Venice drought

expressed renewed concern vesterday at the falling water level in Venice's canals. At the same time, the reappearance of algae in the lagoons has shocked the city's environmental officers.

Several of the smaller canals in the poorer part of the city behind the Church of San Trovaso near the Accademia are impassable as the result of the drought during one of the mildest Italian winters on

record. Along the larger canals, the decreasing water level has meant a comeback for gondolas, rather than bigger boats.

Because the depth of the canals depends on the great rivers of the Venetian plain, the lagoons cannot compensate for drops in water levels within the city.

The lack of rain and snow in the Venetian and eastern Aips has dried up the Tatliamento, Piave and Isonzo Rivers.

Usually the rivers are by taken to deal with the now a pale blue, but even last problem.

THE VENETIAN authorities month they were little more expressed renewed concern than parched white paths of cracked limestone.

In addition to the drough Venice's environmentalists yesterday were confronted with the reappearance of algae on the eastern fringes of the

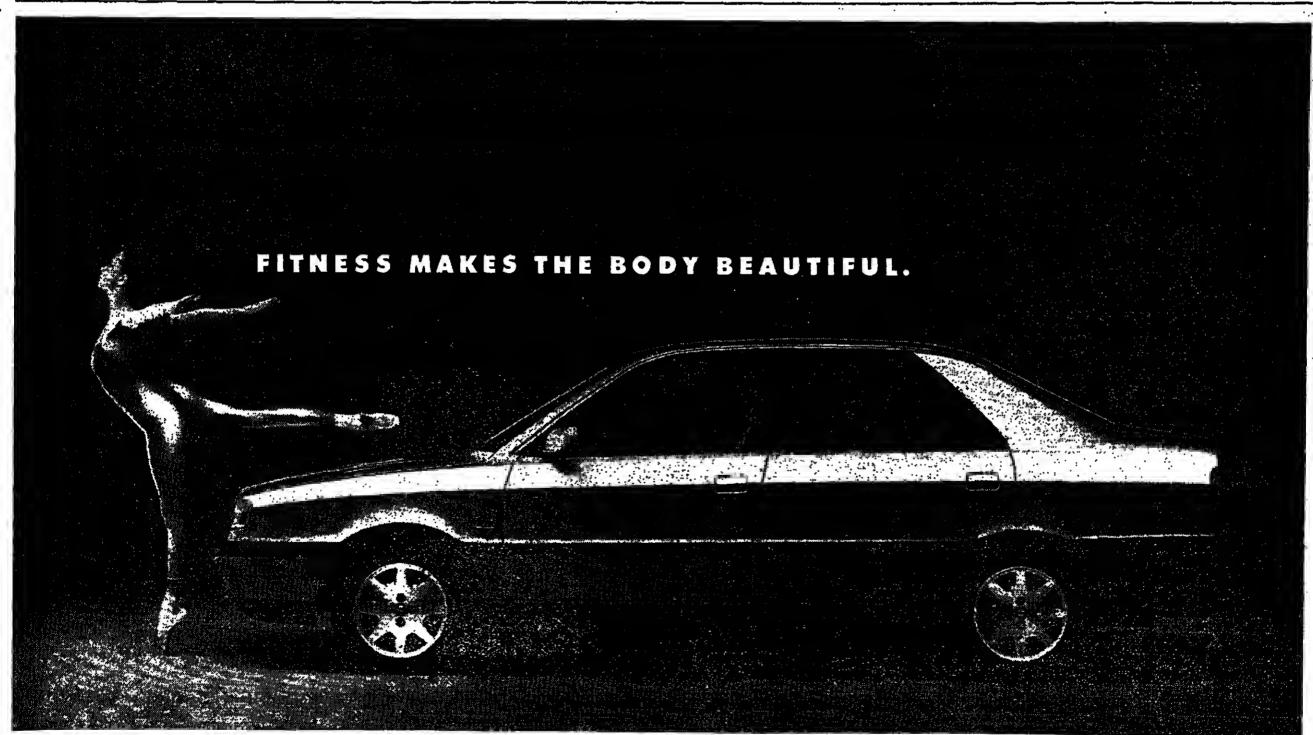
The warmth of the last few weeks has enabled the algae to spread in proportions only

Last August, algae virtually destroyed the Italian Adriatic tourist trade by preventing would-be bathers from entering the sea.

Dr Erminio Chiozzotto Venice's chief environmental official, warned yesterday that this summer could see a return

of the algae plague.
"We desperately need more funding to spray the algae with suitable chemicals and disperse it," Dr Chiozzotto said.

He said Venice could become an ecological disaster zone if prompt action was not



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Israeli desert city fosters pioneer spirit of Soviet Jews

From Richard Owen Beersheba

AS YITZHAK RAGER, the ebullient Mayor of Beersheba, comes striding out of his office, an aide rushes up with a sheaf of airmail letters on cheap Soviet stationery.

"Look." says Mr Rager, seizing the bundle and rifling through it. "I get 2,000 of these a month, all from Soviet Jews considering living here in the Negev Desert. You know why? Because I write to them in Russian and I say to them: If you want to help build the Jewish state, don't go to the West Bank, don't even go to Tel Aviv or Haifa – come to Beersheba and be

The decision by Maley, the Hungarian airline, to suspend flights for Soviet Jews via Budapest because of Arab threats, has again fuelled controversy over the settling of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories.

But Israeli officials hope such

flow of Soviet immigrants shows little sign of abating and estimates suggest that hundreds of thou-sands of Russian olim (im-migrants) will arrive over the next two to three years. So far, most are going not to the West Bank, but to

towns in Israel proper. For Israeli planners the problem is not so much the political fallout of West Bank settlements but the profound impact Russian immigrants seem bound to have — and to some extent are having already — on Israeli society and

At the Jewish settlement of Efrat, near Bethlehem on the West Bank, Mr Boh Lang, the settlement's US-born administrator, says that although the great wave of Soviet immigrants is "a dream come true", there is a limit to what a settlement like Efrat can do.

It is, in effect, a middle-class dormitory suburb for Jerusalem and the average family home there

costs £94,000. No Russian immigrant, assuming he can find a joh in the first place, can hope to obtain a mortgage of more than £31,000 at the most.

The only settlements willing to take in Russians at low cost are either ideological or ultra-re-ligious, and most Soviet Jews are barely aware of their Jewishness. As a result, many of the thousands who have arrived in recent months are confused and dis-

They come, President Herzog has noted, as refugees from Russian anti-Semitism, and are greeted with dances and flowers at Tel Aviv airport. But then they find there is no work for them and no housing. Many end up staying with friends and relatives in the crowded coastal strip on either side of Tel Aviv, hoping for the

For Mr Rager, as for other goahead mayors in "development towns" in Israel proper, the animmigrants, nearly half of whom have high professional qualifica-tions, to the outer fringes of the Jewish state and inspire them with enthusiasm for the Zionist cause.

More prosaically, Mr Rager, a larger-than-life businessman who was persuaded by demoralized Beersheba citizens to stand for office and revive the town, believes he can provide the two key ingredients missing elsewhere: housing and work.

For the privilege of building the future, new immigrants have to put up with present-day realities in spartan, frontier town conditions, and many Russians readily admit they have already had quite enough deprivation under communism.

"I speak to hundreds of Soviet tourists every year, and I tell them the truth," Mr Rager said, as we toured one of the new housing complexes rising from the desert scrubland, complete with an upand four-screen cinema.

Workers and engineers, some of them recent arrivals from Leningrad and Kiev, reached out to shake his hand as he passed. "I tell them about the righteous man who goes to Heaven but cannot resist visiting Hell. In Hell he enjoys wine, women and song, and so asks for a transfer. When he gets there he is tormented by demons and complains he was cheated. Ah, says the Devil, then you were a tourist, - now you are an immigrant."

For Israel, a great deal hangs on whether the new immigrants make a go of it in towns like Beersheba, or become disillusioned and leave as soon as the United States rescinds the immigration restrictions which have forced many Soviet Jews to divert to Israel.

Commentators speak joyfully of "miracle" equivalent to the Israelite exodus from Egypt. But. the corollary is that, if Israel fails its self-image will be immense.

Planuers are fully aware that, towns were settled by Moroccans, East Europeans and others only too happy to be pioneers, today's Soviet immigrants are better educated, more sophisticated, less interested in Zionism and much less willing to be told where to live.
Of Beersheba's 115,000 popula-

tion, some 20 per cent are already of Soviet origin. None the less, despite Mr Rager's efforts, most of the new Soviet olim still prefer to join friends and relatives in the coastal cities rather than take up the challenge of the open spaces. Mr Rager ontlines a vision of a "boom town" in the desert, based on tourism, Bedouin folklore and the building industry. He has cajoled big investors from To-ronto to Arizona into putting up cash. But the outcome is still in the

I asked Boris Sverdlov, a doc-

tor, aged 31, who arrived last month, how he liked frontier town life. "Nichevo." he responded.
"It's OK." The shops were well stocked, he said, his family flat was new and large, there was a first-class hospital and university at Beersheba, but salaries were very low and the town was still "in

the middle of nowhere" Even if some of the new immigrants do "drop out", Israeli officials remain confident that

many will stay. But the key question, especially as Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour Party leader, manoeuvres to try to form the next Israeli Government on a "peace platform", is whether the Russian immigrants will move Israel to the right or left politically. Both Likud and Labour have set

up offices with Russian speakers in an attempt to recruit Soviet Jews to their cause, knowing that the burgeoning Russian commu-nity will be a vital factor in any

Two die as police fire on township protesters

South African police opened fire on black anti-apartheid protesters in two black townships near Johannesburg yes- in the crowd reportedly tried terday, killing at least two to continue the march and people and injuring scores of stoned buses. others, according to hospital

Police used shotguns and tear gas to disperse several thousand black protesters in Sebokeng and Sharpeville, witnesses said. But no injuries were reported in the Sharpeville clashes.

The townships are south of random with pistols. Johannesburg and about six

were a boy and a girl, aged about 14.

Witnesses said up to 100 people may have been wounded by the police fire there. "You cannot tell exactly

how many were wounded,

there were so many," one nurse at the hospital said. A police spokesman said he was still waiting for reports from the scene, but confirmed

The South African Press

saying at least four people had been killed by police. Other reporters saw about

30 people, including young children, leave the Sebokeng hospital after being treated for shotgun wounds.

Many had been shot in the back, the journalists said. The injured said they had been taking part in a march from the black township to the reports.

white city of Vereeniging to protest against high rents, housing conditions and racially-segregated local govern-ment facilities. The police tried first to use outside Johannesburg.

tcar gas to stop the march, which had not been given official permission under the three-year-old state of emergency. They then opened fire. attacks.

Setback for

Spanish Socialists

From Harry Debelius Madrid

FOR the first time in its eight

years in power, the Spanish

Socialist Workers' Party

found itself without an ab-

solute majority in Parliament

A court-ordered re-run of

isst month's general elections

in the Sounish enclave of

Melilla on the North African

coast gave the colony's only

stat in the Congress of Dep-

uties to the opposition, the

conservative Popular Party,

croding the Socialists' one-

The loss of the Melilla seat

which had gone to the Socialists in the annulled ballot on October 29, left the party with 175 seats, exactly half the total

Busque separatist organiza-

Whether the four radical

hon, Eta - have not been

Basque deputies will be able to

lake their places depends on a

scal majority.

hricks and stones, according

After the clash, some people

Municipal offices in the centre of the township were set on fire and cars overturned.

Camera crew members of the Visnews international television agency said they saw men in civilian clothes driving through the township streets in unmarked cars firing at

The failed march in Sebokeng was planned as part A hospital employee at of a march on the offices of the Sebokeng said the two dead ruling white National Party in Verceniging - the home constituency of President de Klerk - from nine satellite hlack townships.

The demonstration was forhidden by a magistrate and the town council last week.

A local police spokesman said that earlier in the day the Sebokeng police station bad been stoned.

Large crowds also gathered there had been widespread in the other townships in the where work was disrupted in Association quoted witnesses many factories by the protest.

The demonstration was organized by groups allied to the African National Congress. Leaders of the ANC are due to meet Mr de Klerk on April II for preliminary talks on

ing between hlacks and whites. Also, 15 hlacks were killed in weekend factional fighting, according to police and press

Police said suspected ANC guerrillas fired two rocket propelled grenades on Sunday night at town council offices in the hlack township of Soweto

The two Soviet-made RPG-7 grenades caused some damage, but police said later that there were no injuries in the

Law of the jungle on a city's doorstep



African drama: A rare Tawny Eagle carries a struggling frog to its treetop nest in the Nairobi National Park, a few miles from the centre of the Kenyan capital. Most of the continent's big game, except elephants, can be seen roaming free in the park, against a backdrop of city skyscrapers on the horizon

Tokyo bestseller fuels unease in Washington

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

A PUNCHY Japanese dihas become a bestseller in jacket. Japan and enraged those who have read pirated translations in Washington, is about to anger a wider audience through an authorized English version that will give foreigners a rare taste of a new.

more assertive Japan. Mr Shintaro Ishihara, the nationalistic novelist-turnedpolitician, who feels Japan should snap out of its "postways to negotiate power-sharwar stepchild mentality" and tell America who really is top today, said that Simon and Schuster had agreed to publish

an English edition of his book, The Japan that Can Say No. The English version, due out in May, seems so certain to make Japan-US relations stickier than they already are that Mr Akio Morita, the chairman of Sony, new owner of Hollywood's Columbia Pictures and the book's now

murderer in US history

showed remorse after his

arrest for starting a fire which

killed 87 people in a Bronx

nightclub, and broke down and cried while being ques-

Mr Julio Gonzalez, aged 36,

apologized for setting fire to the Happy Land Social Club in the East Tremont area early

on Sunday, and gave extensive

videotaped statements to detectives. "The devil made

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tions be edited out and his privately mutter over their name be kept off the dust- beer and peanuts. atribe against America, which name be kept off the dust-

Senior government poli- taunt, and it succeeds in doing ticians, half-way through so effectively. tricky trade talks with the US congressmen United States and suddenly finding themselves begging Washington for help in reviving the yen, are also chewing their nails about the likely fallout, especially since they feel Washington is looking for a bogeyman to replace Mos-

Mr Morita's shyness will leave the \$300,000 (£187,500) in royalties for Mr Ishihara. who has been complaining that the pirated version robbed him of his royalties.

Mr Ishihara is taken seriously in Washington, partly because he made a stab at being Prime Minister last antumn, partly because he wants another stab, and largely because he is the first member of Japan's ruling embarrassed co-author, has Liberal Democrats to say pubdemanded that his contribu- licly what many Japanese Japan remains an island.

From James Bone, New York

THE CUBAN immigrant ac- the worst mass murderer in cluh and filled it with one

cused of being the worst mass America. Kehoe bombed a dollar's worth of petrol at a

ing 45 people, 38 of them

The bearded, pony-tailed

Mr Gonzalez was one of the thousands of Cubans who arrived in the United States in

the Mariel boatlift from Cuba

in 1980. He worked as a

lost his joh six months ago.

warehouse labourer until he

Police said he had been

ejected from the club before

the fire after annoying an ex-

girifriend who worked as a

cloakroom attendant there.

Michigan school in 1927, kill- nearby garage.

Cuban weeps after club inferno

children.

His language is designed to

howling — and questioning the loyalty of their most powerful ally - when they read Mr

Ishihara's provocative statement that, since America's nuclear missiles could not fire straight without Japanese semi-conductors, Japan could drastically change the balance of power by selling advanced microchips to Moscow. Mr Ishihara also says Amer-

ica resents Japan because Americans are racist. In Japan much foreign criticism is called "Japan-bashing". But Mr Morita was caught

out by Washington's furious reaction to the book, saving it was for Japanese eyes only. Opinions that would not travel well are traded openly in Japanese magazines and chat shows in the belief that

He allegedly went back to

the crammed club, threw the

petrol on the floor and set light

to it, the police said. His

former girlfriend was one of

five people who survived the

After discovering that the Happy Land Social Club had

been served with an eviction

notice in December, Mr

David Dinkins, the Mayor of

New York, ordered a crack-

down on illegal dance clubs. Police sent 200 inspectors to

check that clubs ordered to

Arab League defends Iraq in Bazoft row From Michael Theodoulou, Nicosia THE Arab League yesterday Europe. "The Arab states are

rallied around Iraq in its keen to preserve Arab-Euroconfrontation with Britain over the execution of the Observer journalist Farzad Bazoft, hut said the affair should not damage relations between Arah and European countries.

General Chedli Klibi, the League secretary, said Iraq had been fully justified in executing Bazoft and had merely exercised its right to apply the law of the land as any other state would do.

political and media campaign against Iraq ... forgot that Iraq still feels, and justly, that it is in a state of war with Iran and that it has the right to defend its security and national interests," General Klibi said in Tunis, where the

League met. Iraq called for the meeting last week to gather Arab support against British and European criticism of its decision to execute Mr Bazoft in defiance of international ap-

peals to spare his life. Last Thursday the Arab League issued a statement condemning British news coverage of Iraq over the affair. Some Arab diplomats hoped this would satisfy Iraq and privately opposed the special League meeting, preferring that the affair be

quietly forgotten. General Klibi said: "The Arab states are keen to affirm their solidarity with Iraq, ei-ther against the tendentious campaign or in response to any possible aggression against its territory or

installations. General Klibi was at pains to show that the League had no desire to allow the affair to become an irritant in relations

pean relations from any deterioration which Israel may be planning for them," he said. In his carefully worded opening speech, General Klihi

made no mention of Iraq's accusation that Mr Bazoft had been spying for Britain, but repeated allegations that the Iranian-born journalist had ties with Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service. The affair, he implied, was a trap set by Israel and Iran to damage Those who took part in the Iraq's relations with European countries.

"For that reason we have taken the initiative of informing the presidency of the European Community that the Arab states are worried about attempts to drag the Community into an affair which may have undesirable

consequences," he said. On Friday, France, which was Iraq's biggest arms supplier after the Soviet Union during the Gulf War, called off the visit to Baghdad by an army chief of staff, apparently in protest at the Bazoft execution.

• BEIRUT: Lebanon's rival Christians vesterday strengthened fortifications and brought up fresh fighters and ammunition (Reuter reports).

Security sources said General Michel Aoun and the Lebanese Forces led by Mr Samir Geagea were apparently preparing for battle in the lull following a day of tank and artillery clashes in Beirut and the north-east Keserwan

mountains. Sunday's fighting, in which six people were killed and 12 wounded, was the worst violation of a fragile truce that halted four weeks of tank, artillery and rocket battles on

offers to aid exodus New York

Poland

THE POLISH Prime Minister, Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, has offered to help Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel just days after Hungary's stateowned Malev airline said it was stopping charter flights to

Israel because of Palestinian Mr Mazowiecki, whose country was recently accused of anti-Semitism by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, did not elaborate on his offer of assistance while addressing the Ameri-can Jewish Congress on Sunday. But an aide said Poland was ready to provide Soviet Jews with safe transport from

Warsaw to Tel Aviv "Just as in the Middle Ages Poland gave refuge to Jews fleeing persecution, so today Poland will not evade humantrarian assistance to Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union," Mr Mazowiecki said. His spokesman said the offer was a response to Malev's decision to cancel flights because of threats from the radical Lebanon-based Is-

lamic Jihad. The Hungarian Government said on Saturday it understood the airline's safety concerns but "regretted to ear about the decision which

it considered an encouragement to international terrorism". Arabs fear the Soviet Jews will be settled in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip,

where Palestinians engaged in an anti-Israeli uprising hope to set up an independent state. Mr Mazowiecki said that it was important for Poles to "make a hreakthrough" in their nearly 1,000-year-old

relationship with Jews. Relations have improved recently after a serious deterioration last year because of a dispute about the presence of a Roman Catholic convent on the site of the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in southern Poland.

At the time Mr Shamir said: Poles sucked anti-Semitism in with their mother's milk." A new location was found for the nuns and in February Israel signed an agreement to

resume diplomatic relations with Poland, broken after the 1967 Middle East war. ■ WARSAW: An official from the state-owned LOT airline said his company was

considering a request to fly emigrating Soviet Jews from Poland to Israel and a decision would be taken soon (Reuter reports). He refused to say who had approached LOT.

The official said good results on its regular service to Tel Aviv had this month prompted LOT to increase its flights to two a week.

LOT was considering more

regular connections rather

than waiting for charter orders. The Israeli airline, El Al. also operates two flights a

Threatening, "I'll be back", he arson charges, Mr Gonzalez will replace Andrew Kehoe as Mr Gonzalez Told police 'the devil' made him do it picked up a plastic jug at the close had actually shut down. between the Arab world and Seeds of conflict are water-borne in parched Middle East

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

in the country's powerful WATER, or rather the short- gional states and lead to age of it, is joining the imprecedented upheaval." However the setback is only symbolic. The Socialists retain a real voting majority because four of the seats in the Congress won by Herri Batasuna (People's Unity) —

As a succession of waterrelated crises have shown, the 1990s to avoid disaster.

A recent report from the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies said: "Before the 21st

A symposium was held in Cairo lasi weekend on the shortage of Nile water and the desperate measures which will have to be taken during the

US Embassy report said:
"There will be insufficient unless drastic conservation and management improvements are put into place in the next few years."

Western expens say that

tion methods.

Dr Mohammed Abu Manterrifying increase in popula-

The source of the Blue Nile is in Ethiopia, and widespread TURKEY JORDAN

tion, anticipated to reach 70 concern was caused recently in Cairo by reports that the Israelis and Ethiopians were million by the year 2000 (compared with 54 million now), coupled with the limited quota of Nile water allotted to co-operating on schemes for harnessing its headwaters. Mr Habib Ayub, an Egyp-

tian geographer, has estimated that if Ethiopia does even-

Jordan University, said: "The demand for water is expected to mcrease significantly in the coming decade. In this overhostilities ... the latent tensions may develop into domestic conflicts and expand to regional ones." He added: "Water will

from the Euphrates and the Turkish government sources claimed that Syrian and Iraqi representatives insisted on a system under which the supplies would be shared on the basis of each country

total potential of the basin."

determine the future of the Euphrates for a month, anger-Middle East. The population ing its two neighbours whose agriculture and irrigation deof the region will double by 2010. We will need twice as much water as we have now." pend largely on the river. The Turkish action was part of a \$2! billion (£13.1 billion) Earlier this month talks scheme to hutld 21 dams, 17 between Syria, Iraq and Turhydro-electric plants, and to when experts at a meeting in irrigate 46,000 square miles of Ankara failed to agree on a semi-arid land. The west Beirut daily As

Safir said that the dispute carried the seeds of war because it affected the "vital interests" of all three states. The Euphrates springs from Turkish territory and passes through Syria and Iraq, It is 1,438 miles long, 249 miles of which are in Turkish territory, and 292 miles in Syria.

ne official said. than oil in this region," said Earlier this year, tension Mr Mustafa el Said, a former rose when Turkey diversed the Egyptian Economy Minister.

lecision to be made by the onstitutional Court about shriber they may add the phrase "by legal imperative" their obligatory oath or promise to uphold the Constitution, Even if the tribunal rules in beir favour, they may coninue their long-standing boyoit of the Spanish

Palestinian problem as a source of tension and poten-tial conflict in the Middle the group supporting the

gravity of the problem arises largely because the region's great rivers - the Euphrates, Tigris and Nile - rise in non-Arab countries, while those rivers on which Israel relies, the Jordan and Yarmouk, have their sources in Arab countries.

As long ago as April, 1987, a water to sustain Egypt's population by the year 2000

little has been done since. Two-thirds of the precious water allocated to towns and century, the struggle over cities is lost through inlimited and threatened water efficient use, such as leaking resources could sunder al- pipes, while Nile farmers use ready fragile ties among re- twice as much water as they

dour, director of the sympo-sium, said: "One of the main Egypt. reasons for the seriousness of the Nile water shortage is the

need because of poor irriga-

ISRAEL **EGYPT** SAUDI ARABIA

key broke down after five days tually tap the river Egypt could lose 20 per cent of its water supply. Military experts Turkish plan for sharing water here have no doubt that Egypt would go war to protect its supply. Professor Elias Salameh, of

beated atmosphere of political stating its water needs. "But the added figures exceeded the one official said.

"Water is more important



ALAN HAMILTON

7 illiam Whitelaw retires this week from the presidency of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, and so relinquishes his last formal Tory office, although he remains the party's deputy leader. With the leader herself so besieged, it is an appropriate moment to recall Whitelaw's own prediction of how the mighty will fail. Interviewed two years ago, when the Thatcher bandwagon still had most of its wheels on, Whitelaw opined that where she stood in history would "depend entirely on how it all finishes"; he did, however, venture that she would tower over Macmillan to become a peacetime Churchill.



"Bnt", said Willie, "there's oo doubt her leadership is bound to end in a muddle, because she's been so dominant for so long. The Tory party is good at getting itself into a mess, and it will get itself into another one sooner or later - it knows how to do that. She will never, I suspect, achieve the status of her predecessor Lord John Russell; it was he who, in 1851, repealed the most despised tax of the day - the ooe oo windows.

isitors to Tokyo with an hour to spare have discovered an unexpected cultural boous. The resting place of Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", sold for a then world record £24.7 million at Sotheby's in 1987, as now open to the public oo the 42nd floor of the painting's owners, the Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Company. For 500 yen (around £2) a head, the public can admire the work in the majestic surroundings of the company museum, along with such other artistic plums as Cézanne's "Pommes et Serviettes" and Gauguin's "L'Allèe des Alyscamps, Arles". Incidentally, the word is that Japanese corporate collectors are beginning to fight shy of paintings because of the possibility of takes. The companies' new target is sculpture, particularly Rodin.

• Ah, how distant now seem the Sixties. A mailshot to alumni of the London School of Economics, that one-time cauldron of revolutionary thought, invites them to join the Executive World Book Club for cut-price volumes by John Harvey-Jones, Mark Mc-Cormack, Lee Iacocca and other high priests of capitalism. Oh, and they get a free Filofax if they join right away.

oincidence, of course, that the new United States ambassador to Zimbabwe arrived just as the country was celebrating the tenth anniversary of its iodepeodence, an event I shall forever over-enunciated reading of the news about the Rev Ndabaninge Sithole and his guerrillas. It is less of a coincidence that, as part of the celebrations, many street names in Harare (née Salisbury) have been changed from those of white colonial heroes to



leading lights of the freedom war. Citizens of all colours are vastly amused that James Rhodes, a black man, was due to take up residence at the US embassy in Rhodes Avenue, named after the only begetter of white Rhodesia. Fortunately for all sorts of sensibilities, Rhodes Avenue has just become Josiah Tongogara Avenue, after the general commanding Robert Mugabe's Zanu forces, who died to a car crash shortly

ustmen in Bonn have been given the additional duty of reporting motorists who park their cars in the way of dustcarts, a task which will doubtless do their Christmas boxes oo good at all. The edict coincides with the German capital's publication of its annual league table of diplomatic parking tickets. Two countries with only three official cars each came top and bottom; Cape Verde collected no tickets at all, while Angola ootched up 62. The Poles, despite having 80 vehicles, stayed commeodably within the law and emerged second best. Britain and the United States tied for third place with 0.17 offences per car. But I fear that the Vatican, which last year boasted an entirely clean record, fell to fourth place when its sole diplomatic car picked up one parking ticket. Naughty Nuocio Nabbed, as the papers with small . pages might say.

gain there is a significant Thatcher factor in the A Thatcher tactor to Tories' slump in the polls. To a number of Tories, therefore, the intriguing element in Labour's weekend lead of up to 28% was the suggestion that, with Michael Heseltine as leader, the gap would close to 10%.

Mr Heseltine is all the vogue.

But in a situation rich with ironies, there is nothing more likely to ensure there is no change of leader. Although a fighter not likely to lay down the leadership at the first whistle of grapeshot past the ears, Mrs Thatcher would contemplate retirement if she became convinced that she was the one true impediment to re-election of a Tory government. If the question of the succession were an open contest she might just bring herself to consider going. But with Mr Heseltine appearing unstoppable, there is nothing, senior colleagues say, further from her mind. She would not willingly hand over to someone who, in her view, would revive all that she has fought against corporatism, interventionism,

over-credulous Europeanism. Forget the calls for Mr Heseltine to become party chair-man. She will not have him, and he would oot want to give up the freedom to take his Thatcherism à la carte. Do not expect him

Robin Oakley on a new study showing Thatcherites in a minority

How the Tories divide

either to sign a new oath of loyalty to Mrs Thatcher and all her works. For a man who walked out of her Cabinet in disagreement with her methods, it would make a living lie of his past three years of endeavour. Hence yesterday's careful response to Sir Geoffrey Howe.

What Mr Heseltine prays for is that others will put Mrs Thatcher under irresistible pressure to go. He does so for two reasons. First is the traditional fear that he who wields the dagger rarely inherits the crown. The second is that were he to challenge and suc-ceed, he could inherit a party so bitterly divided that it would be unleadable this side of a general

It is a ootioo sedulously spread by party managers anxious to keep down the hysteria and avert a leadership cootest this autumn. But how Thatch-

erite is the party today?

New and intriguing light is cast by Philip Norton, Professor of Government at the University of Hull, in the latest Par-

ous study of division lists and public statements, he offers a detailed breakdown of Tory MPs which could influence the sums on a leadership challenge.

There are three sub-groupings. he says, that can be identified under a Thatcherite group label. Thirty are core Thatcherites, free-market and pro-hanging:

Michael Brown, Christopher Chope, Robert Dunn, Timothy Eggar, Michael Fallon, Anthony Favell, Michael Forsyth, Eric Forth, Teresa Gorman, Archie Hamilton, Neil Hamilton, Sir Peter Hordern, Gerald How-Jones, Ivan Lawrence, Edward Leigh, Francis Maude, Joho Moore, Michael Portillo, John Redwood, Nicholas Ridley, Peter Rost, Angela Rumbold, Richard Shepherd, Allan Stew-art, Norman Tebbit, Margaret Thatcher, Jahn Townend and

Professor Norton lists 26 right-wingers who emphasize law and order issues: David Atkinson, Vivian Ben-dall, Sir Rhodes Boyson, John

Carlisle, Alan Clark, Edwina Currie, Terence Dicks, Sir John Farr. George Gardiner, Peter Griffiths, Michael Grylls, Ralph Howell, Aodrew MacKay, David Maclean, Gerry Neale, James Pawsey, Barry Porter, Sir William Shelton, Sir Trevor Skeet, Ivor Stanbrook, Sir John Stokes, Teddy Taylor, William Walker, John Ward, Kenneth

Warren and Ray Whimey. And there are 16 of freemarket views but anti-hanging: Nicholas Bennett, Joho Biffen, Sir Richard Body, Nicholas Budgen, Sir William Clark, David Heathcoat-Amory, Alan Howarth, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Norman Lamoot, Nigel Law-son, Peter Lilley, Peter Lloyd, Paul Mariand, Roger Moate, Tim Rentoo and Ian Gow.

In categorizing the rest of the party, Professor Nortoo identifies 17 "populists":

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, David Gilroy Bevan, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Winston Churchill, Derek Conway, Den Dover, Sir Marcus Fox, Richard Holt, Dame Flaine Kellett-Bowman, Dame Jill Knight, Anthooy Marlow, Robin Maxwell-HysRidsdale, Tony Speller, Ann Winterton and Nicholas Win-

Among the critics of Thatcherism, be lists 27 "wets":

Aliek Buchanan-Smith, Patrick Cormack, Julian Critchley, Ste-phen Dorrell, Hugh Dykes, Sir Ian Gilmour, Sir Philip Good-hart, Alan Haselhurst, Jeremy Hayes, Edward Heath, Robert Hicks, David Knox, James Lester, David Madel, Sir Anthooy Meyer, Sir Charles Morrison, Christopher Patten, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Timothy Raison, Robert Rhodes-James, Andrew Rowe, Nicholas Scott, Robin Squire, Sir Peter Tapsell, Cyril Townsend, Peter Walker and Sir George Young.

And finally Professor Norton identifies 40 "damps":

Richard Alexander, Jack Aspinwall, Robert Atkins, Kenaeth Baker, Tony Baldry, William Benyon, Virginia Bottomley, Peter Bottomley, John Bowis, Alistair Burt, Lynda Chalker, Sydney Chapman, Kenneth Clarke, Nigel Forman, Roger Freeman, Tristan Garel-Jones, Patrick Ground, Keith Hampson, Christopher Hawkins, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Michael Hesel-tine, Terence Higgins, Douglas Hogg, David Hunt, Douglas Hurd, John Lee, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Michael Mates, Robert MicCrindle, Normao Miscamp-bell, Colin Moynthan, Richard Needham, Stephen Norms, John Patten, Sir David Price, Timo-thy Rathbone, Peter Thurnham the Rathbone, Peter Thurnham, William Waldegrave, Dennis Walters and Timothy Yeo.

Although some might quarrel with their categorization, we are left with 72 firm Thatcherites (19 per cent of the parliamentary party) and 67 "wets" and damps" (18 per cent). Of the remaining 217, says Professor Norton, nearly 200 are party loyalists, on whom the whips can normally rely, and 20-30 are per-sonally loyal to Mrs Thatcher.

Professor Norton's argument is that the Thatcherites are in a minority and do not dominate the party infrastructure. Be-cause Tory leaders have absolute control over policy as well as patronage, "whatever the direction the new leader wishes the Conservative Party to take, there Conservative Party to take, there is little to prevent him or her achieving that goal... Mrs Thatcher has not crafted a party that is ioherently Thatcherite in terms of attitude and composition. Loyalty will flow to the new leader as leader, regardless of which particular section of the of which particular section of the party he or she is drawn from."

Don't put your faith in people power

he tense situation Lithuania is a salutary reminder of the realities of power. General Varennikov, C-in-C of Soviet land forces, has said he hopes to be able to avoid the use of force, but he clearly has the means to use it effectively unless the Lithuanian nationalists bow to Moscow's minimum demands. If it were used, the West would protest volubly while taking oo significant action to belp the Lithuanians. For all practical purposes, they would be on their own.

Because of the past year's almost miraculous events io Eastern Europe, oot to mention South Africa and Nicaragua, a myth has been growing that the power of unarmed people in the mass is irresistible. The result has been a dangerous complacency, and encouragement for those who have always taken a dim view of defence.

We should all like to think that dictatorial governments have been toppled, or made to transform themselves, by the sheer force of popular sentiment. How nice if that were true. But is it? Beyood question, people living under oppressive regimes have shown that they cannot be hrainwashed, and that their desire for freedom is unquenchalready. It was obvious in Hungary in 1956, and in Czechoslovakia in 1968. Yet on both those occasions, freedom, if not the desire for it, was all too

effectively quenched. in Poland, communism and the Soviet occupation were always manifestly bated, and the rise of Solidarity provided the most dramatic proof of that strength of feeling. Yet it was not eoough to overthrow the regime or to get rid of the Russians. lodeed, at one point the Pope had to intercede with Lech Walesa, at General Jaruzelski's request, to persuade him to restrain his movement and so avoid the calamity of a Soviet

If communism has now been displaced throughout Eastern Europe, and if the Russians are moving out, it is oot because the power of the people was irresistible, but because Mr Gorbachov took a deliberate decision, for his own reasons, to allow it. The Red Army, instead of being ordered to crush the popular movements, as it had done before, was told to stand aside and let them prevail. In other words, it was Soviet power, negatively exercised, that deter-

mined the course of events. The local armies of Warsaw Pact countries in Eastern Europe are nationalist rather than communist, and so sympathized with the civilian demonstrators. Io Romania, where there was a formidable corps of armed security police loyal to the dictator. the revolution succeeded only because the regular army sided with the people.

In Panama, where the army stayed loyal to the dictator, the will of the people as expressed to a general election was powerless to remove him. It took an



Despite democracy's resurgence in Eastern Europe and elsewhere, John Grigg cautions against

writing off the men with the guns

to the popular will, and even then it was difficult. In Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega has so far made no attempt to use the army to frustrate the election result. either because he fears that the Americans might act against him, as they did against Noriega, or - perhaps more likely because he sees the democratic game as worth playing oow, in his own long-term interest.

In South Africa, the collapse of apartheid is due to a variety of causes, above all external ecooomic pressure, but hardly at all to the struggle, armed or un-armed, of the hlack 'majority inside the country. If the government had been io a mood for oew Sharpevilles, the streets would have been cleared and the townships cowed. Archbishop Tutu would have been sileoced and Nelsoo Mandela would have stayed in prison.

For those who oow tend to discouot armed force and to put their trust in the moral force of unarmed masses, the most terrible warning is of course what happened io China. Just when it seemed that power was growing oot out of the barrel of a gun, but out of the mouths and hearts of studeots, the army appeared in support of the government, and within minutes the dream of a peaceful, popular revolution was shattered.

The same thing could happen if the Red Army were willing to be used to save the Soviet Union and its pre-1945 empire from

American invasioo to give effect disintegration and anarchy. So far, that army has been restrained, both at home and abroad, and it seems to have accepted its negative role. Only in Tbilisi and Baku has it been used to assert Moscow's au-

> swiftly effective. But the time may come when Gorbachov or some other civilian leader decides to use his army oo a much larger scale, or the army might take the law into its own hands under the leadership of a soldier of political talent and amhition: a Russian Kemal Ataturk.

thority, and in each case it was

oviet military failure in Afghanistan should not mislead us. Even a formidable and well-equipped modern army is likely to fail when operating in alien territory and daunting terrain (mountainous or thickly forested, or both) against a motivated enemy with strong material support from a rival power. Like the Russians in Afghanistan, the Americans faced such a challenge in Vietnam. But these exceptions only prove the rule, that a modern army can nor-mally impose its will, or at the very least hold its own.

Except in such special conditions, guerrillas cannot win against a modern army with all its weaponry and gadgetry, including the technology of surveillance. That is one reason why ANC guerrillas have made so little impact in South Africa,

where the armed struggle is are five million whites in South Africa, rather than a mere few hundred thousand as in Zimbabwe. There is a point beyond which they cannot be coerced.

In Ulster, the Protestants are a still larger minority as a proportion of the total population of Ireland, and they are similarly intransigent. Even if the IRA could sap Britain's will to resist is terrorism, it could never hope to win against the Ulster Protestants.

The point is that we should oot forget that physical strength is ultimately decisive in human affairs, whatever the balance of moral worth. Because of her opposition to

economic sanctions and armed struggle in South Africa, Mrs Thatcher lapsed into language more suited to the women of Greenham Commoo when talking to The Sunday Times last mooth: "Look at Gandhi," she said. "It is the non-violent that commands total respect from the whole world and has achieved far more than violent movements." The implication was that Gandhi had won independence for his country by his oonviolent methods, whereas they almost certainly delayed it by a quarter of a century. When the British eventually left India after the Second World War, it was not because Indian soul-force drove them out, but because they oo longer had the resources to maintain their rule and because the world's two emerging superpowers were opposed to British imperialism. The Raj had become physically uotenable. Gandhi's methods could

never have defeated Hitler, and it is not by Gandhi's methods that communist tyranny has been brought down in large parts of the world.

Peter Jonas

No substitute for subsidy

are by instinct a generous natioo to causes that appeal to us," he said last week. For too long arts organizations have been relucstead on marketing jargon and

Under the Gift Aid scheme announced in the Budget, oce-off donations, individual or corporate, of between £600 and £5 million will qualify for tax relief at basic rate (payable to the charity) and for relief at any due higher rate (payable to the donor). This anoouncement is the third signal of a change of attitude to arts funding since Peter Palumbo became chairman of the Arts Council in April last year.

First came the announcement of an improved grant; then Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, gave the Council a more strategic role and devolved many of its funding responsibilities to regional arts associations. Mr Palumbo's credibility must be high in Whitehall if he and Mr Luce have managed to convince the Treasury that new tax incentives are essential to help reverse the effects of the severe the Rees-Mogg years at the Arts Council.

Since the mid-1980s, arts companies have been outstandingly successful at increasing their selfgenerated income and reducing dependence on public-sector finance. It has, however, proved to be unrealistic to expect boxoffice prices and income, as well as private-sector sponsorship and donations, to rise at rates of growth far in excess of inflation while grants have been kept down to increases of around 2 per cent a year. Inevitably, ceilings have been reached in the last year, higher scat prices have threatened accessibility and deficits have begun to appear.

Mr Luce's acknowledgement of the problem and his success in securing more funds from the Treasury last October has since been further undermined. As we gleaned from the Budget, estimates of inflation are sharply up: the 1990 fourth-quarter figure is now likely to be 7.25 per cent compared to 5.5 per cent when the 1990-91 grants were anoounced. Not only will higher inflation affect costs io the arts; higher interest rates are likely to depress consumer expenditure on theatre-going and other arts

Will Gift Aid come to the rescue? Will the arts, more than lifeboats, famine relief and Aids. ever appeal to that "instinctive generosity" that Mr Major describes? While giving his measures a genuine welcome, I have to warn that if they are to succeed, they must oot be perceived as a means of replacing central government funding for the arts.

If, on the other hand, central funding is restored to vitality, increased individual giving may help us all to catch up with the

ohn Major has reintroduced deficiencies of the past and the word "generosity" into match our much better subthe arts funding debate. "We sidized European colleagues in 1992. Individual support must not be seen as a hope for survival but as a spur for growth.

I hope Mr Luce is not seduced tant to include this word in their by mouthwatering American statistics which show that arts in the US received \$6.82 billion from the private sector in 1988, of which 83 per cent came from individuals. What the figures do not show is that growth to this level has been steady and slow since the introduction of US federal income tax in the

Tax incentives for the donor have long been in place, but the main reason for giving is that doing so is part of every American's local and national culture. Americans are used to being cultivated and solicited for donations; they expect it and enjoy the "glow factor". A Charities Aid Foundation survey shows that the average Briton gives to all charities a total of no

more than £2 a month. We shall do our best to change that, hut we are aware that theatres and museums are not the highest priority for the giving classes, and we shall have to develop our methods and asking techniques to raise ourselves priorities. This will take time, investment, training and resources. Above all, it will need the Government and the Arts Council to take a long view and to display good faith in the capacity for long-term gains by adequate investment now.

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erry Hands, the outgoing artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, recently redefined the word "subsidy" to support his case for help with the RSC's current deficit problems. To the audience it represents a reduction in the price of seats or admission: to the Government it is iovestment - the arts bring in more than they cost; to the arts companies it is a loan and is paid back io VAT, oauonal insurance contributions, income tax and the value of the arts to the community.

Subsidy as the core of our work must be preserved. We must welcome Mr Major's new Gift Aid and the simplification of covenants that he now allows, but to give his measures the best chance of success, we must make sure the fruits they hring are new mooey and oot merely replacement money.

Religioo, politics, health, educatioo, arts...Our most diffi-cult task is to create a climate in which art is acknowledged to belong to the list of life's essentials. "Life's metaphysical acrivity" must be allowed, with adventure and experiment, to engage our senses and intelligence io order to ensure a civilized and just society, of which the generosity Mr Major talks about is the flower. Let us nurture and care for it - not nip it in the bud.

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Taking spin on the autoroute

THE farrago so far. An Englishman who failed to have his head examined has arrived in France with a vanload of his old furniture. He has been stopped at the Calais peage by two policemen who wish to see the import licence he has not got. Because he has not got it, they wish to see the old furniture. Last Friday, we left them opening the doors. Ten seconds have passed; you may now read on. (All conversation has been roughly translated from the even rougher

"Lo, the old furniture!" I said. They craned towards the loosely piled chairs, tables, sofas, rugs, pictures and boxfuls of odds and sods. Given the pitiability of all such deracinated stuff. I could not see how their hearts could fail to melt. Homelessness is ever poignant, eveo in a kettle.
"This is not for sale?"

is all old. And I am not a merchant of furniture. Lo, my Dassbort.

They ignored it Instead they climbed inside and began poking about. One sat on a sofa. I prayed it would bong. It had always bonged before. If it bonged now, we should all laugh about brokendown old springs and clap one another upon the shoulder and I

should be on my way. But it did oot bong now. It liked Cricklewood. It would miss its friend, the gateleg table. It

wanted revenge.

"It is leather?" said the flic.

"Of a kind," I said. "But see the leg did oot wohlle.

"How could it be?" I cried. "It how creased and worn it is." "It is antique?"

"No," I cried. "Just old. Broken. Worthless." Venom came off the sofa. You could taste it.

They convened at a desk: one ran his hand over it, unnecessarily lovingly. This is The Antique Autoroute Show, I thought; he is going to ask me if I have any idea of what a remarkable piece like

this would fetch at Sotheby's. "I'm afraid the leg wobbles," I said, with one of those light laughs you only ever seem to hear in customs halls.



"Cricklewood," creaked the dressing table softly to the sofa. His colleague eased the wrapping from a picture. It was a Bill Tidy.

"It is a cartoon," I said. Did you know that there are two words for cartoon in French? Carton means a Leonardo. Dessin means a Bill Tidy. It's amazing the things you can find out from a gendarme, especially after a long hysterical explanation to the effect that Bill Tidy is alive and well in Solihull, thinks that the

Quattrocento is a small Fiat, and knocks out a dozen of these a day. But it was all right. They sucked their teeth, they sniffed, but they finally conceded that none of this stuff was going to destabilize the French fine art market. They were about to hop used it," I explained, but they

lifted a dust-sheet, and paused. "It is new, this table of pingpong?" he said.
"No," I said, "it is ten years

"It has the air of the new," said the copper. "Let us descend it." They descended it to the road. and set it up. We might have been in one of those short, grainy Czech films: Two Policemen and a Ping-Pong Table. Passing drivers gazed. "What is this that this is?" you felt them mutter. A charity match? Avis Vans v. La Surete, saving the whale?

"It is simply that we have never

shook their heads and opened one of those fat, ring-bound books common to all customs men wherein everything is writ coocerning dues, attachments and proscriptions anent chiming barometers, vivarium decor, funnel-paint and hatbands (feathered). This they thumbed for some time.

But, miraculously, tables (ping-pong) had no entry. You could anchor a tanker off Brest and unload I0 million tables (pingpong) with equanimity. So they ascended it again. They nodded hrusquely. I climbed back into the cah.

"Good game?" said Mrs Coren. I watched them dwindle in my mirror. Each was scribbling furiously.

"I have the feeling," I said, that the last duty-free ping-pong table has just entered France."

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THE BALTIC AND THE WEST

The West has watched with admiration and alarm the sang froid of the people and Government of Lithuania in the face of President Gorbachov's unsubtle attempts to intimidate them. Yet the European Community and the United States have formulated no strategy for deterring what appears to be a crudely signalled Soviet putsch in Vilnius. The Kremlin might be forgiven for interpreting hesitation as the result of the same self-interest which led democracies to appease undemocratic opponents half a century ago.

It is nevertheless difficult to suggest concrete measures which a medium-sized power like Britain might take, without prejudicing its wider interests, to deter Soviet military intervention on the Baltie seaboard. Military action, even of a demonstrative kind, must be ruled out as hopelessly counter-productive.

Indeed, the official news agency, Tass, is already elaiming that Nato warships have arrived in the Baltic. The Soviet propaganda offensive which would certainly accompany the overthrow of President Landsbergis would obviously make the most of Western subversion, in order to render more plausible Lithuania's alleged threat to Soviet security.

Economic sanctions would be equally counter-productive. The objections are familiar: inefficiency of enforcement, the improbability of a united front, the imperviousness of national politics to external economic aggression. West Germany, which has so much at stake in detente with the Soviet Union, would be unlikely to agree even to consider sanctions, despite ties with the Baltic states going back to the Teutonie Knights.

The Government cannot credibly threaten Moscow with anything more daunting than the traditional contempt of the British for the bully. Yet the Soviet President's credibility with the West is now on the line in Lithuania. Words, carefully chosen, may weigh no less on the scales of international politics than guns or butter, as Mr Gorbachov knows better than most. His first friend and foremost defender in the West, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is the person best qualified to administer the warning that if the Soviet Union tramples on the Lithuanians' right to self-determination for the second time this century, he will cease to be "a man one can do business with". There is no shortage of advice urging the Prime Minister to go easy on Moscow in this dispute. Apart from pro-Soviet voices on the left, who until recently used similarly spurious arguments to justify Soviet hegemony over central Europe, the most impressive argument for leaving Mr Gorbachov to his own devices in the Baltic states has come from Lord Home. He argues that it is in our interest to deal with a single, strong Soviet leadership. A weakened, let alone a toppled, Gorbachov would be a greater threat to Britain in the long term than a crushed Lithuania

Yet even the most robust view of British interests must be inseparable from the values for which this country made such sacrifices half a century ago. The Baltie states were among the victims of the Nazi-Soviet alliance, which made Hitler's conquest of the European mainland possible: a conquest that obliged Britain first to fight alone, then to accept Stalin as an ally even while aware of his hideous crimes.

The Lithuanians have at last begun to heal their wounds. This they can only do if the Soviet authorities admit the illegality of its annexation and all that flowed from it.

Under the 1939 Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact, Lithuania - unlike Latvia and Estonia - was assigned to the German sphere of influence. Only after the German invasion of Poland was Lithuania reassigned to the Soviet sphere in exchange for a partition of Poland more favourable to Germany. Is it conceivable that Britain, which has never recognized Soviet sovereignty over the Baltic states, would fail to excoriate such bullying of Lithuania from the Germans? If not, present Soviet conduct should be treated as equally unacceptable.

British mandarins tried long and hard to make excuses for Stalin. Behind Mikhail Gorbachov, the ghost of Uncle Joe can still be seen stalking the Kremlin - and haunting some corridors in Whitehall. The Prime Minister, who last week used President Havel's visit to exorcise the spirit of Munich, can dispose of this demon too. She should leave Mr Gorbachov in no donbt that his claim to moral superiority over his predecessors depends on his treatment of Lithuania.

COLD COMFORT IN THE COMMUNITY

The National Health Service and Community Care Bill inspired a revolt in the House of Commons earlier this month and now starts what is likely to be a rough passage through the House of Lords. For once, its troubles concern not the health service but the second half of its title, community care.

The principle of the measure is sound, that responsibility for the elderly, disabled and infirm should pass "into the community", The change was meant to represent a more humane and flexible approach, and for once it showed Government confidence in elected local authorities. But the whole issue is now engulfed in the storm surrounding the poll tax.

So far, the grants councils will receive from central Government will include an amount calculated (but not designated) to cover the extra cost implied by the care legislation. But it has not been "ring fenced", that is to say, earmarked for this exclusive purpose.

The extra cost of community care will, in consequence, have no special claim, but will have to take its place in the queue alongside other calls on expenditure. Since in most areas, councils are desperately seeking to hold down poll taxes, all budgets are being squeezed. The Association of Directors of Social Services has expressed acute alarm at the consequences.

Unless the Government can find some new means of protecting the implementation of its measure, some of the most vulnerable members of the community will be the first victims of the poll tax, as care for them passes across the financial divide between central and local government. There is a special poignancy about their predicament. The ideal of placing more emphasis on community rather than custodial care was correct, reducing the role of old-fashioned, state-administered institutions in favour of families and communities.

The danger of Mrs Thatcher being literally

savaged by her critics was narrowly averted

vesterday when a march by Rottweilers to

Downing Street was cancelled. Four owners

wisely decided discretion was the better part of

canine valour and handed in a petition at

Number Ten instead. They feel that they are

The real question is whether the nation is

being tough enough. The Kennel Club points

out that only three people actually died from

dog bites in the first nine months of last year

(none in 1988 and only one in 1987). That is

minor comfort to victims of ferocious canine

assaults, many of them infants. There is no

being victimized by public opinion.

Yet the result may push a rising number of

the mentally or physically handicapped, illequipped to survive outside institutions without support, into a custodial wilderness. The intended transfer of funds from the big health service institutions to smaller ones run by local councils and to home-based welfare services risks becoming a fiasco. A report by the Audit Commission last autumn criticized the two groups of administrators for their failure to work together.

Now the poll tax issue on resources, in an area where value-formoney is notoriously hard to define. Clearly a policy of care in the community will be a cruel joke if not properly administered and funded: with cardboard cities substituting for Victorian asylums.

The Government drafted the community care clauses of its present Bill with the best of intentions. Unfortunately, these intentions have coincided with the first year of the poll tax. What should be an overall improvement in care may actually be a drastie worsening.

Certainly, community care should not be more expensive in the long run. But the transitional period, when big institutions must remain available while alternatives are built and staffed, is likely to cost more. Unless this is reflected in the level of local council grant, the Government will be guilty of willing the end while withholding the means.

There are signs that the Government has accepted the political necessity of softening the impact of the community charge on individuals. It should also soften the impact on those for whom the community has to care, by protecting the services on which they depend. The Government does not like the device of ring fencing. If so, it must find another way of guaranteeing that money intended for society's most vulnerable people reaches its destination. This is a far better destination for the millions apparently available to buy off Tory back-

DOGS OF WAR

benchers with poll tax rebates.

The danger from these dogs is not imagined. They are frequently used by criminals who regard them, with good reason, as antipersonnel weapons obtainable free of licence under cover of domestic pets. Since they are potentially as dangerous as explosives, guns or unsafe motor vehicles, the Government's reluctance to legislate to control them is extraordinary. It is the more so when even the Kennel Club is in favour of municipal dog wardens to police every kind of aberrant behaviour, from fouling pavements to bitting legs. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has called, at very least, for a registration scheme. Polls have shown that

Even this would not deal with the dangerous breeds. It should be a criminal offence to allow certain named breeds out of doors without muzzles or leads. There is also a strong case for including dogs bred for their ferocity, such as Rottweilers, pit bull terriers, and crossbreeds bearing their genetic imprint, within the Dangerous Animals Act of 1976. This covers several hundred wild creatures, from gorillas to spitting cobras or giant ant-eaters. Those who insist on keeping fierce or dangerous animals under cloak of domesticity should no longer be indulged. They are a potential menace to the community and the law should regard them as

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Probation officers in self-defence

From the Chief Probation Officer,

Sir, In drawing attention (report, March 23) to the Commons Public Accounts Committee's report oo the Home Office's control and management of the probation service, you highlight the rise in prison sentences, but fail to mention that this was arrested in 1988. The proportionate use of custody for 17 to 20-year-old males peaked in 1985 and declined dramatically in 1989, to the extent that young-offender institutions are being closed.

In the Middlesex area the magistrates courts' use of custody for 17 to 20-year-olds fell from 13 per cent in 1985 to 6 per cent in 1988. This was the second highest rate of decrease in England and Wales. There were also substantial reductions in the magistrates courts' use of custody for adults, while crown court centres in the area are among those making least use of custody.

This is particularly noteworthy because Middlesex has no day centres and the absence in some areas of day centres is singled out by the Public Accounts Com-mittee as evidence of the probation service's failure to provide the courts with an effective range of non-custodial sentencing op-

The Home Office is proposing wholesale changes to the organization of the probation service, all with the common theme of establishing firmer control from the centre and ironing out di-versity. As justification for this misguided centralism, ills are being attributed to the service which cannot be demonstrated.

The probation service is daily offering the courts detailed, carefully-designed programmes for supervising individual offenders in the community; the courts are responding by making orders on increasingly heavily-convicted offenders; and the probatioo service is supervising the great majority of

these without breakdown or risk to the public.
Yours faithfully

JOHN WALTERS, Chief Probation Officer, Middlesex Area Probation

4th Floor, Glen House 200 Tottenham Court Road, WI. March 23.

From the Secretary of the Central Council of Probation Committees , You report the Commons Public Accounts Committee as stating that "social inquiry reports...have apparently been used as alternatives to fines". This is based oo n misapprehension. Such reports, which are of a factual nature, are requested by the court to assist in the sentencing process. Inspectors can be blamed for many things, but the suggestion that "some probation inspectors have created friction with the courts" does them too much credit.

HM Inspectorate of Probation is quite inadequately resourced to undertake effectively all that is required of it by way of monitor-ing individual services and the dissemination of information and good practice guidelines. We have long urged upon the Home Office the need for a strong and vital inspectorate which, if properly resourced, would assist in the development of effective services throughout the country.

We welcome the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee that the inspectorate be strengthened and that there should be better arrangements for the prompt dissemination of good practice, as well as its recognition of the vital balance between the central role of the Home Office and the autonomy of local probation services.

Yours faithfully IEUAN MILES, Secretary, Central Couocil of Probation Committees, 38 Belgrave Square, SW1. March 23.

tempted work to this end, some of

them having over 70 years' data.

Many of the compilers of these

records have seen their efforts

mullified in the past 10 years by

cuts in Government support for

Many of these schemes came

under the remit of the Marine Science Divisioo of the Natural

Environment Research Council

(NERC). Granted Mrs Thatcher's

genuine interest in plans to mon-

itor changes in the environment, it

is unfortunately too late to start

new time-series to study global

I was associated for 35 years

data banks oo the effects of

environmental changes io the sea.

This series had already shown the

biological effects of rising environ-

mental temperatures in the period

from 1920 to 1960 and their

reversioo during a period of cooling from 1962 to 1981. We

were well poised to show further

changes if global warming accel-

crated; but all work ceased io 1987

when the NERC withdrew funding.

going as a private venture. Sugges-

tions that the observations should

be restarted in the currently

improved financial climate for

environmental research have been

disregarded.

Yours faithfully

A. J. SOUTHWARD,

108 Duraford Street,

Hospital land

use planning.

From Dr David Eversley

Sir, Your Social Services Corres-

pondent correctly points oot

March 20, later editions) that the

health regions' capital speoding programme has been badly hit by

their failure to sell surplus land to

house builders. The article high-

lights two extraordinary aspects of

present-day policies in the fields of public-sector finances and of land-

Here in Hertfordshire there

have been a number of appeals by

the regional health authority against the refusal of the local

planning authority to grant per-mission for high-density residen-

tial development on former hospital sites, almost wholly in the

designated green belt. In one case

so far the secretary of state has

The health authorities' appeal

rests on the fact that if they cannot

sell their land profitably they will lack the means to huild other

hospitals and to provide commu-

nity care for the patients dis-

charged from institutions. Sioce

community care will now be largely the responsibility of local

authorities, it is assumed that part

of the proceeds of these land sales

Will that body then refuse to

reimhurse local authorities for

their newly-imposed expenditure

because the budget was assumed to be met, in part, from these

of determining levels of required

public expenditure, as well as

using rather emotional arguments

to subvert statutory green belt

DAVID EVERSLEY (Honorary

Planning Adviser, Hernfordshire

Letters to the Editor should carry

a daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number -

(01)782 5046.

This seems a haphazard method

will go to the Treasury.

controversial land sales?

protection.

March 20.

ours faithfully

Conservation Society).

Hummerstons, Cottered,

Buntingford, Hertfordshire.

largely allowed the appeal.

Plymouth, Devon. March 23.

I am keeping some of the work

warming without baseline data.

such "open-ended" projects.

Research constraints

From Dr Tony Rees Sir, Your obituary (March 22) does less than justice to Lord Rothschild's intention in propos-ing, in 1971, that Government departments should be given the money and made responsible for commissioning applied research from the research cooncils.

It is clear from the text of his report, "The organization and agement of government R & D" and also from his subsequent evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology that his concern was not that "too much money was spent oo open-ended research and too little on solving industrial problems". Indeed, he goes out of his way in the report to assert that the question of balance between the two cannot be meaningfully addressed.

He argued that the research councils are well qualified to decide priorities for basic research, but not as well qualified to decide what the needs of the nation are as those responsible for ensuring that they are met. Hence, decisions oo the priorities for Government-funded applied research should be in the hands of the, accountable, departments.

Rothschild was certainly overoptimistic if he thought that all the departments could readily be made good customers for commissioned research, and the Government of the day was perhaps remiss in not giving them strong incentives to consider research on long enough time scales and with appropriate priority in times of economic decline. Nevertheless, as one who was closely involved with the consequences of the funding transfers, I believe that there were benefits to the nation and to the research bodies from the clearer lines of responsibility that resulted from his recommendation.

It is clear from the continuing debate that the way in which Government supports research is not yet a closed question. Roth-schild's contribution was to clarify one of the important issues; we should analyse and use the results of the experiment he started. Yours e

(Coordinator for Commissioned Research, Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, 1974-89), PO Box 63, Godalming, Surrey. March 22.

From Professor A. J. Southward Sir, Mrs Thatcher's speech at the Royal Society (report, March 23) includes a suggestion for setting up data banks to study the responses of wildlife to environmental changes. Several research orgnizations in the UK have at-

Sale of 'Irises'

From the Chairman of

A. I. REES

Sotheby's
Sir, In reading your front page report (March 22). "Bond sells 'Irises' for £25 millioo", we were most concerned that The Times should represent what is pure rumour as fact, both in the text and in the headline.

Nowhere does the report state that the price has oot been announced, and will not be disclosed, in accordance with the policy of the Getty Museum. The £25 million therefore is mere speculation on the part of the journalist and should have been reported as such. Yours faithfully,

GOWRIE, Chairman, Someby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, W1. March 23.

Effect of British Library's cash loss

From the President of the

Library Association
Sir, The Minister for Arts and Libraries announced in November that the British Library was to have an extra £1 million towards the cost of planning for the move into its new building next to St Pancras station and nearly £3 million on the grant-in-aid, a welcome addition after several years of reductions in quisitions.

The library had already decided to move some 300 jobs concerned with bibliographic services from London to its site at Boston Spa, in Yorkshire, on grounds of economy and efficiency and because there will be pressure on space in the new building, big though it is.

The Government strongly supported this decision (and has even asked whether the number of jobs could be increased). Relocation will more than pay for itself in the longer term, but the costs are inevitably high, and agreement was apparently reached last summer that proceeds from the sale of a library huilding in Store Street could be used for the purpose.

For some reasoo which has never been given, the Treasury later decided that the library can keep only half the proceeds of the sale. As a result, almost all of the extra £3 million has to be spent on relocation. The end effect is that

the library's grant-in-aid is only 1 per cent higher in cash terms than last year, at a time when inflation is above 7 per cent and the cost of library materials is rising faster than that.

This is no way to ensure the maintenance of the stock and services of one of the world's three or four greatest libraries, which ought to be a major source of national pride and which is the envy of almost every other national library (so much so that the Freoch have decided to spend much greater sums of money on a new Bibliothèque de France).

The Treasury's decision seems quite extraordinary. It creates serious financial problems for the library; it defeats its attempts to plan its future sensibly and costeffectively, it does damage to the rest of the nation's library system, and it evidently goes against the intections of the minister. It would be illuminating to know how such a decision came to be made and approved.

It affects nearly all the nation's libraries, which have suffered continued and serious reductions in their own funding and depend more and more heavily on the British Library's services. Yours etc., MAURICE B. LINE,

President. The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, WC1.

Legal view of highways and byways

From the Chairman of the Open Spaces Society
Sir, A Diary item and a letter on

the opposite page (March 17) show that motor sports are invading the world's tranquil places, from the byways around Bath to a 3,000-mile length of the Great Wall of China.

In the wilds of deepest Dorset I have found myself having to step aside, on what was technically a road but in reality an overgrown footpath, to let a line of boy racers file through on their trail, or trial bikes (both terms seem to be used).

The sole legal justification for this being a byway rests oo an Eoclosure Act award from the days of horses and carts. Such green lanes retain their pastoral character until they become the playground for an assortment of bizarre motor vehicles which share the commoo characteristic of looking unroadworthy and being untaxed.

Here the usurpers of ancient highways must not be allowed to have it both ways. If, as they maintain, they are using public roads, then their motor cycles and cars should be licensed, insured, and maintained in the same way as they have to be oo "real" roads. Yours faithfully, RODNEY LEGG, Chairman,

Open Spaces Society, 25a Bell Street,

Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. From Mr George Laurence Sir, Mr Cheal (March 17) regrets that the Wildlife and Countryside

Act 1981 allows a "Rnpp" (road used as a public path) to be turned into a "Boat" (byway open to all traffic) on the sole criterion of historical evidence...regardless of the desirability or practical suitability of the

There are a number of points to

be made about this. 1. Designation of a way as a Rupp or as a bridleway under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 left open the question whether the public were entitled to use the way with vehicles. If, however, vehicular rights did exist, oothing in the Act took them away, the 1981 Act merely seeks to ensure that the status of the way is deficitively

uncertain. 2. Historical evidence alone is sufficient to permit (and require) reclassification of a Rupp as a Boat. So it should be. A public carriageway set out under a duly enrolled enclosure award made pursuant to its enabling Act, for

clarified rather than being left

example, plainly enjoys vehicular rights. The 1949 Act did oot permit those rights to be explicitly recognised; the 1981 Act does. It could oot be otherwise, without undermining the fundamental principle, once a highway, always a highway".

3. That is the very principle which those who represent landowners are sometimes (and sometimes understandably) anxious to undermine. Even an ancieot carriageway, property laid out as such in the early 19th century, will not occessarily provide a suitable surface for today's four-wheel drive vehicles. But unsuitability for vehicular use is oot relevant

when determining status. 4. The Countryside Act 1968 had provided otherwise, permitting Rupps with vehicular rights to be "downgraded" to bridleways, where the surface was unsuitable. Eveo in such cases, the public's vehicular rights were held not to of State for the Environment, Exparte Riley [1989] (Journal of Planning and Environmental Law, 921). Section 54 of the 1981

Act solves the problem more logically — all "vehicular" Rupps oot yet reclassified under the 1968 Act fall to be shown as Boats. 5. Difficulties arise when newlyclassified Boats attract on to them motorists and motor-cyclists whose use of such ways toevitably does some damage to the surface, to the detriment of their use and enjoyment by walkers and horse riders. But that is a different problem.

Yours truly, GEORGE LAURENCE 9 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

From Mr M. C. Simkins Sir. The fact that a route has in the past been defined as a "Rupp" is, in my experience, normally a strong indication that, notwithstanding the fact that it may have carried only public fontpath or bridleway rights when incor-porated into the appropriate definitive map of public rights of way, it had the physical appear-ance of a road, capable of accommodating four-wheeled vehicular

Any vehicular rights which existed may have been public or may have been private, the purpose of reclassification being normally to resolve that issue. Yours faithfully, M. C. SIMKINS

(Deputy County Surveyor), Clwyd County Council, Shire Hall, Mold, Clwyd. March 20.

Sistine restoration

From Miss E. H. Ramsden Sir, George Hill reports (March 22) that an exhibition is shortly to be opened by the Pope to vin-dicate the cleaning and conservation of Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel.

Whether or not to elean the vault and the lunettes is a question that has raged both before and ever since the project was undertaken 10 years ago. What is certain, however, is that if the cleaning had not been undertaken we should have lost the frescoes altogether. Even from the floor of the

chapel this is evident. When examined from the scaffolding, such is the dirt and discoloration there can be no doubt. To counter the argument that Michelangelo's palette was essentially sombre, one has only to cite his newlycleaned Doni tondo in the Uffizi.

We should all be grateful for the vision and courage displayed, notably by the Director of Operations, Dott. Fabrizio Mancinelli. and by the head restorer. Signnr Gianluigi Colalucci, and his assis-

May we hope that the restoration of Michelangelo's much mutilated altar-piece, "The Last Judgement", may oow be undertaken under the same enlightened direction and the same hrilliant

team.

1 am. Sir. your obedient servant, E. H. RAMSDEN, 30 Mallord Street, Chelsea, SW3. March 22.

Sleeping easy From Mr Paul Holmer

Sir, My wife and I have some sympathy with Mr Chance's (March 17) predicament. In our experience guests who cannot come to terms with a duvet are almost invariably male — perhaps occasionally an unmarried lady and aged about 65-plus. We have found that the best policy is to take the initiative as hosts and offer friends in those categories the alternative of hlankets. Yours faithfully, PAUL HOLMER Wincott House, Whichford,

Mum's the word

Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

From Mrs Belinda Goldsmith Sir, I spent a good two hours today scouring the shops for a Mother's Day card suitable for a "mother of the 1990s" - in vain. Ninety per cent of the cards depicted a slave-like female at the sink, in the kitchen, vacuuming, dusting, or sewing. Most of the messages inside the cards reinforced this impression with statements of the Thank you for another year of scrubbing the floor - you're a great mother" variety.

Are the greeting card manufacturers hopelessly behind the times. or do their products reflect a horrible truth . . . that the times have still to catch up with all this talk of equality and modern man? Yours faithfully, BELINDA GOLDSMITH, 24 King Edward Road, Jordanhill, Glasgow.

March 22.

conceivable reason to permit fierce animals to add to the number of vicarious dangers faced by children, just because they are classed as domestic pets. The dearth of reliable statistics is the most formidable of the chicanes erected against human fear by defenders of canine freedom, but the pendulum is swinging in the humans' favour. Legislation was tightened last summer, to give magistrates powers not only to order dangerous dogs destroyed, but to nominate a specific executioner and fine severely owners

imposed after the event, still offer little solace to savaced victims. The Dog Handling Act of 1975, requiring dogs to be permanently tethered except when with an experienced handler, applies only to guard dogs on commercial premises. Dogs such as Rouweilers are perfectly free to roam at will. Two recently wandered into a school and savaged a number of children. The growth in the number of these dogs is reported to have "peaked", but the total runs into many

evading the court's sentence. Such penalties,

thousands. They are unstable, potentially lethal and quite unsuitable as free-ranging family pets. Fashions in fearsome animals certainly change. Twenty years ago the Dobermann Pinscher was top of the villainy league and the pit bull terrier - a mongrel bred for fighting - is fast overtaking the Rottweiler.

more than nine people in 10 would be in favour of more stringent controls.

COMMANDER BRADWELL TURNER

Bold rescue of British seamen from German prison ship



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 26: The Duke of Gloucester this evening pre-sented architectural awards at the Annual General Meeting of the Westminster Society which was held in the Great Hall nf Westminster School, London,

SW1. Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE

March 25: The Duchess of Kent arrived at Gatwick Aisport, London, this morning from the United States of America.

March 26: The Duchess of Kent, as a Trustee, this evening at-tended a Soirée Musicale in aid of the Jacqueline du Pré Me-

Mrs Alan Henderson was in

Prime Minister THE PRIME Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of

Mrs Jane Hogg, of Fawler, Oxfordshire. Mr M.K. Dichlian and Miss S.L.M. Corr

Mr D.R. Meschutt and Miss S.C. Bevan The engagement is announced between David Randolph, son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Meschutz, of

The engagement is announced between Richard, only soo of the late Mr Peier Moller and of Mrs Marie Moller, of Nairobi Kenya, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthnoy Conway, nf Coldharbour, Dorking.

Major R.J.G. Whitelaw

The engagement is announced between Robert John Gordon, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.W Whitelaw, of Strathpeffer, Rossshire, and Lesley Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.S. De Jean, nf

and Miss L. Parry

The marriage took place nn Saturday, March 24, at 5t Michael's Church, Waddington, Lincs, nf Mr Anthony Radford, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Radford, of Langford Hall, Newark, to Miss Lynda Parry, elder daughter of Mr and William Parry, of

COMMANDER Bradwell Turner, CVO, DSO, OBE,

who led the boarding party from the destroyer HMS Cos-

sack, in the famous episode

during which 299 British sea-

men were liberated from the

German prison ship Altmark in a Norwegian fjord in Feb-ruary 1940, died on March 21.

To Turner is ascribed the memorable cry: "The Navy's

here!", which announced to

captives who had resigned

themselves to miserable years

in PoW camps that they

would, after all, be seeing their

Like the sinking of the German pocket battleship

Graf Spee two months before,

the Altmark affair was an

inspiriting one at a time when

British arms had little to show

for six months of hostilities

with Germany. Poland had fallen; the RAF was dissipat-

and warships were mounting.

Cossack's bold action, person-

ally nrdered by the First Lord

of the Admiralty, Winston

Churchill, was a heartening

boost to the Navy's morale,

and Turner's famous cry has

On December 13, 1939,

after a three-month career in

which she had sunk nine

merchant ships, the commerce

raider Graf Spee had been brought to bay by the cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles nff the Rio de la Plata. She sought

refuge in Montevideo where,

nn December 17 her captain,

Langsdorff, had her scuttled.

For some time the where-

abouts of the seamen she had

taken prisoner from the mer- in Norwegian waters.

Graf Spee's auxiliary, torpedo boats whose com- tion.

passed into legend.

ing much of its energy drop-ping propaganda leaflets; and at sea losses of both merchant and warships were mounting.

He was 92.

homes again.

morial Fund at St James's Palace, London SW1.

The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to be president of the Royal Agri-cultural Society of England for 1990-91. He takes up the new position in October.

Today's royal engagements

THE QUEEN will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Pal-ace at 11.00. The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the English National Bailet, will attend the compa-

ny's fortieth anniversary gala at the Albert Hall at 7.40. Prince Michael of Kent, as patron, will attend the Hyde Park Appeal function at the Household Cavalry Barracks at 12.30; and will present the Royal Aero Cluh Awards at the Lansdowne Club at 5.30.

Forthcoming Luncheons marriages

Mr P.S. Bligh and Miss J.E. Lawrence

The engagement is announced between Peter Stuart, only son of Mrs Dorothy Bligh, of Minehead, Somerset, and Juliet Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late David Lawrence and

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs M.G. Dichlian, formerly of Chorleywood, Herts, and now of Great Missenden. Bucks, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C. Cort, of Bath, Avon.

Caroline, eldest daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs Christopher Bevan, of Chelsea. Mr R.A. Moller and Miss C.L. Conway

Marriage

Mr A.C. Radford

The bride was given in mar-riage by her father and Mr Jonathan Radford was best

A reception was held at The White Hart Hotel, Lincoln. and the honeymoon is being spent in

HM Government THE HON Donglas Hurd, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was

Royal Over-Seas League THE HIGH Commissioner for

Canada-UK Chamber of

MR BRIAN Fall, British High was among those present.

Dinner

House of Lords LORD Whitelaw CH, MC, last night hosted a small dinner party in the Couosel's Dining Room, House of Lords, to launch the Chest, Heart and Stroke Associations Appeal to found a Professorial Chair in Stroke Medicine at Northesham University, Those present were:
Lord Smith, Lord Camous, Lady
Massham, Sir David Arkinson, Professor Peter Fenten, Mr Berty Fethergiff, Miss Wendy Matthews, Dr
Richard Stevens and Mr Tim Traverse-Healy.

Requiem mass

REQUIEM Mass for the repose of the soul of Sir John Pilcher, GCMG, will be celebrated at the Church at the Most Holy Re-

Latest wills

Mr Jerome Otway Fane De Salis, of East Woodhay, Hamp-shire, left estate valued at £1,003,133 net. He left his estate

ister of France. The other guests

host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of delegates to the UK/Japan 2000 Conference.

Botswana was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's hosted by Sir Law-rence Byford, chairman, and members of the Central Council of the Royal Over-Seas League.

Commissioner to Canada, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce yesterday at Le Meridien, Piccadilly. Mr Michael Lowe, president, presided. The Deputy High Commissioner for Canada

deemer & St Thomas Mnre, Cheyne Row, Chelsea, nn Thursday, March 29, at noon.

STEWART KENNEDY, who was Kennedy's job as company secretary. He had volundied nn March 8 at the age of pany secretary to make this recred for the Navy at the died nn March 8 at the age of 79, was a Scottish industrialist

Altmark, which became virtu-

making her way back to Germany. Bad weather helped

her to remain hidden as she

passed between Iceland and

the Facroes, but in February

1940, she was spotted by

British reconnaissance aircraft

they had been transferred to month by two Norwegian without Norwegian coopera-

After the elimination of

Graf Spee Altmark hid in the prisoners on board. The South Atlantic for two Norwegians told the British

STEWART KENNEDY

Vigorous developments in the aviation industry

ally a floating prison.

with a long career in aviation who played a prominent part in the rise of the Hawker Clydesdale, were persuaded to Siddeley Group in the 1960s raise the finance to buy land and 1970s to become one of for an airfield. Tiger Moths Britain's biggest engineering were obtained from de Born in Glasgow on adventurous spirit of the early Havilland joined Hawker 1975, Kennedy began his sec-September 4, 1910, Kennedy days of aviation, agreed to was educated at Glasgow take shares in the company Academy and qualified as a instead of cash. By 1936 the Chairman of Hawker Siddeley chartered accountant at Glas- first trainee pilots were admitted and the venture was under

In 1935 he joined Scottish Aviation Limited, a newlyformed venture based at Prestwick. In order to nperate,
pilots had to be trained and it

Kennedy was to remain
entire responsibility for the
Canadian operations of the
He is sur
pilots had to be trained and it
Havilland at Hatfield as comstantly to North America,
daughters.

Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Europe. His experioutbreak of the Second World War but a sharp-eyed official Two friends, David Me at the Ministry of Labour Intyre and the Marquess of refused to release him, thus he was forced to maintain the low profile which characterized his later business life.

manders informed them that

Altmark had been inspected, carried no arms and had no

many using Narwegian terri-

torial waters. The destroyers

When the Norwegian reply

was conveyed in Churchill at

the Admiralty he determined

on bold action. He was con-

therefore withdrew.

International in London.

The pioneering days were definitely over. He undertook

British National Export Council Committee for Europe. was ap- ond career - the full-time farm in Hertfordshire.

ence was drawn upon by the Society of British Aircraft

Constructors, of which he was

a council member, the CBI

Overseas Committee and the

hobbies were sailing, shooting, rugby, football, tennis and goif.

He is survived by his wife, 84) as Honorary Treasurer Eleanor, two sons and three and Chairman of the Finance

AN WANG

Computers for office and home

DR AN WANG, the Chineseborn engineer who became one of the world's major computer manufacturers, died in a Boston hospital of cancer on March 24 at the age of 70.

a schoolmaster, made a shrewd judgment about his prospects when he decided to emigrate from what during the Second World War had been Japanese-occupied Shanghai. He reached the United States and three years later received a doctorate in applied physics and engineering from Harvard University.

Within a few years he was able to sell IBM a patent for his invention of the computer core memory - a small doughnut-shaped ring of iron serving to store computer data and which was a precursor of the now ubiquitous microchip for half a million dollars.

These gave Wang the funds to develop his own company - Wang Laboratories Inc. - a name that was 10 become a household world in the 1970s at the height of a boom in word-processing systems.

Wang's career as a pro-

But he contracted polio soon after the war, and this curtailed his naval career. He read for the Bar by correspondence, but never practised, although he put his

He had left the Navy in

for Marconi. In 1980 a "Forty Years on" reuninn of old Cossack ship mates recalled that memorable night which has its niche in the annals of the Royal

made for Alemark. The Norwegian patrol boats stood passively by, but Alemark's skipper steered her straight at Cossack intending to ram the British destroyer, Instead, the German ship ran herself aground, on which Cossack forced a way alongside her, and grappled her closely. Lieutenant-Commander Bradwell Turner led a board-

On the night of February 16,

Cossack entered the fjord and

OBITUARIES

ing party which leaped upon Alimark's decks armed with rifles and pistols. Turner's men encountered spirited resistance, and four Germans were killed and five wounded in the sharp fight that followed. Some Germans fled ashore across the ice, and the ship surrendered. After establishing that there

were British held captive beinw decks. Turner ordered the hatches to be unbattened, and nearly three hundred prioners poured up on deck from their enforced quarters in cargo holds, store rooms and empty oil tanks. Transferred to the British

destroyers they made passage home to Britain and received a heartfelt welcome when Cossack berthed alongside at Leith.

Turner received a DSO for his part in the action and saw further service during the war. South Atlantic for two months, hoping for the hue and cry to die down before permission to proceed to Germany using Norwegian terri-

> knowledge to good use as a JP for Chelmsfird and chairman of the bench there. 1957, and, until 1972 worked

taken prisoner from the merchant vessels she had sunk
remained a mystery. Then the
account of a British merchant
the Josing Fjord. When the
marine officer who had been
in Norwegian waters.

Pursued by a British deon board Altmark and ordered
Captain Vian, commanding
the British force, from the marine officer who had been British ships went in after her destroyer Cassack to board at Montevideo suggested that they were met at the fjord her and release them, with or

In 1945 An Wang, the son of

digious inventor and entrepreneur began by making custnm-made electronic components. The first electronic scoreboard at New York's Shea Stadium, for example, was one of his early contracts.

But it was with the introduction of a desktop cal-culator in 1964 that his company really began to take off. When the advent of cheap computer chips made the calculator market far less profitable Wang switched very successfully to the newlyemerging market for word processing systems.

It was a development that turned Wang Laboratories into a multi-billion dollar company - largely owned by his family - able to attract some of the brightest and best people to work for it and dominate the market for much of the 1970s. Its success contributed to what became known as the "Massachusetts

to GE Capital, a subsidiary of General Electric, for about \$250 million. The sale, yet to be finalized, would reportedly cut Wang Laboratories's debts from more than \$300 million to

around \$93 millinn. Wang's achievements included some 40 patents, 23 hnnorary degrees and membership of the US Nat-

ogy took a step forward, with

the advent of the personal

computer. Wang was not so

quick-finnted, sticking to proprietary office systems as

customers switched heavily

into personal computers and

particularly those that were

compatible with an industry standard developed by IBM.

year that his company finally

annnunced a range of personal

computers that confirmed to

the IBM standard. But by this

time the concern was in deep

financial trouble with losses of

hundreds of million of dollars,

thousands of layoffs and a

hefty restructuring of the too

By then Wang had relin

quished the presidency of his

company, first to his son,

Frederick Wang, in 1986 but

last year he returned to the

business himself and replaced

his son as company president

with an outsider, Richard

Last month the firm an-

nounced it had agreed in

principle to sell its subsidiary.

Vang International Financial

management.

Miller.

It was only in August last

But the next time technol- ional Inventors Hall of Fame.

HON ANTHONY CAYZER

Neville Barwick writes: YOUR admirably full phituary (March 7) does justice to Anthony Cayzer's formidable standing in the worlds of business and industry, but

service he gave to charities. The reference to "Vice-Presi dent of Missions to Seamen" pointed Group Director and operation of his 1,000-acre marks the purely courtesy title offered to him at the end of a long period of conscientious work for that Society: first with The Missions to Seamen Port of London Council but mainly over 10 years (1974-

and Investment Committees.

During the majority of this time I was the Assistant: General Secretary who was his prime adviser and Secretary of the Committees named. Everyone who has occupied perhaps less to the devoted

such a position knows that chairmen fall broadly into one of two categories; one who tion and hoping it is sound), or one who listens to the advice and then takes as much trouble as is needed to master the problems so that he becomes the person "responsible".

Tony Cayzer was a princely example of the latter.

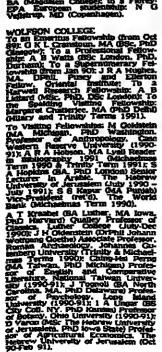
University news

Oxford
THE CARROLL Foundation found a new chair at Oxford Irish history. The foundation's financial commitment is £1.2 million. The Carroll pro-fessor, who has yet in be appointed will be a fellow of

A new fellowship for European Studies is to be established at Oxford. The post, which was made possible by a donation from the Deutsche Bank Foundation, will be associated with the West European Centre at St Antony's College. It will be named in honour of the first President of the European Com-

The City solicitors Simmons and Simmons have undertaken to bear the cost of subscribing to European law journals over five years for the Bodleian Law Library at Oxford. The initiation of the first bear of its kind made tive, the first of its kind made through the Campaign for Ox-ford, could become a model for support from the professions for

Elections THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE
Grown 1 October 1989% to Laming
nmior fellowships; M G Bell. 8A
(Banis) College) and Karen J Leeder.
BA (Maddaten College) to a Pforety.
EPA European studenship: N G
Vejikirup, MD (Copenhagen).



Cambridge DARWIN COLLEGE To an Emeritor Pellowship: P.M.J. McNetr (DPtil, PhD) Emeritus Profes-sor of Italian, University of Birmingham. To an Official Fellowship: A.M. Pitts PhDO University Lecturer in Com-puter Science.

Grants
Commission of the European Communities: £376,945 to Professor S P
Beaumont (electronics & electrical engineering) to study monolithic integration beyond 26,50342.

Medical Research Council: £133,755 to Professor D J Sharratt (genetics) to study Escherichts on Chromosomal interpretation of Chromosomal Chromos

Aberdeen The university has appointed Professor Derek Urwin to a chair in the department of politics and international relations from October 1. Since 1981 he has been professor of politics at Warwick University.

Edinburgh Lord Murray, a General Council ssessor on the Court of the University of Edinburgh, has been elected to serve in the newly-established post of Vice-Chairman of the Court. Lord Murray has been a member of the court since 1981,

The university has founded a new Institute of Romance Studies. The institute becomes the twelfth in a group of Senate Institutes providing a focal point for research and expertise in their specific subject areas. Professor Malcolm Bowie has been appointed as the first

Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine (St Mary's Hospital Medical

Dr Elena Garralda, formerly reader in child and adolescent psychiatry, University of Manchester was appointed to the chair of child and adolescent psychiatry on January 16.
Dr Jonathan Lamb of the MRC external scientific stuff, department of immunology, Royal Postgraduate Medical School has been appointed to the Pfizer chair of immunolgy from October 1.

Dr Michael Levin, senior lec-turer in infectious diseases, Institute of Child Health has paediatrics from October 1. Dr David Taylor Robinson, consultant microbiologist, Me-dical Research Council at Northwick Park Hospital, has

gow University.

had conferred upon him the title of professor of genito-urinary microbiology and medicine from January 1. Grants Grants and Engineering Research Council: to Dr M J Eness to study the regulation of starts synthesis or some St. 138.125; to Dr Hassan Shatur-Chairl to study composite construction connection of beams to concreteffied steel structural hollow section col-

to study composinection of bear structural umme £84,810. Welcome Trust: to Professor John McGure for a study of the cloning with characterisation of the immunocombast antique of Candida albicans 5221,406. Welkome Unit for the History of Medicina: £103.838 to Dr J V Wigan and District Cancer Research Committee: to Professor D G Hars-den. Joseph Stationy Memorial Fellow-ship No. 2 (Clinical) gynaecological cancer, £90,000.

UMIST

Appointments to chairs Fluorine chemistry: Dr Eric Banks, reader in chemistry; Price Waterhouse chair of accounting in the school of management: Dr Mahmoud Ezzamel, of the University of Wales; visual neurosciences: Dr Janus Kulikowski, reader and director of visual sciences; marketing, in the school of

senior lecturer.

from July 1.

Professor Gordon Foxall, of Strathclyde University, has been appointed to a new chair in consumer research in the school of commerce and accounting

Dr John Knott, reader in mechanical metallurgy at Cam-bridge University, has been appointed to the chair and eadship of the school of metallurgy and materials at Birmingham, from September t.

The university is to confer

honorary degrees oo the follow-

Mr Brian Clough, Manager of Nottingham Forest Football Professor Peter H. W. Butter-Club (Honorary Degree of Master of Arts); Mrs Vigdis London, to be senior pro-vice-finnbogadottir, President of London of the university Iceland (Doctor of Laws); Mr

Michael Foot, MP, Leader of the Opposition 1980-83 (Doctor of Letters); Mr Georgiy M Fridlen-der, member of the Institute for Russian Language and Literature of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Leninsciences of the USSR, Leningrad (Doctor of Letters); Sir Denys Henderson, Chairman of Imperial. Chemical Industries (Doctor of Laws); M Jack Lang, Minister of Culture and Com-munications in the French Govmunications in the French Gov-ernment (Doctor of Letters); Mrs Anita Roddick, of the Body Shop (Doctor of Laws); Sir Francis Graham Smith, Astro-nomer Royal (Doctor of Sci-ence); Mrs Helen Suzman, Member of Parliament (Progres-sive Federal Party) South Africa and leading artis pratrial comand leading anti-spartheid cam-paigner (Doctor of Laws); Dr Peter Williams, Director of the Wellcome Trust (Doctor of

East Anglia The following will receive

honorary degrees in July:

Mr Ronald Blythe, author, Mas-ter of Aris; the Duke of Grafton, Doctor of Civil Law, Dr Walter Roy, examination board chair-man, Doctor of Civil Law, Lady Sainsbury, Doctor of Letters; Mr Clifford W. Smith, chief exe-cutive, Suffolk County Council. Master of Arts; Miss Rosamund Strode, archivist, Britten-Pears Library, Master of Arts; Dr Joan Thirsk, economic and social historian, Doctor of Letters; Sir management: Dr Dale Littler, Crispin Tickell, British Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Doctor of Sci-ence, Professor Harold Woolhouse, director of research, Institute of Plant Science Research, Doctor of Science; Miss Rachel Young, former assistant director, Norfolk Museums Service. Master of Arts.

Mr Rob Gray, of the University of East Anglia, has been ap-pointed to the Mathew chair of accountancy and business information systems in the depart-ment of accountancy and business finance, from September i.

Bridge results FRANCE completed an ex-

FRANCE completed an ex-cellent double when they added the first European mixed pairs championship to the European mixed teams championship they won earlier in the week. The winners were Mme C Saul and J C Quantin. The former is a past European champion and Quantio is the champion and Quanto is the current European junior champion. Mr & Mrs Terraneo (Austria) were second, third Mme S Willard and H Moulei (France) fourth Mme D Gaviard and A Levy (France). Only four of Britain's 17 pairs reached the

Ireland and Scotland were amongst the money in the consolation final in which 270 Thanksgiving

Professor H.E.M. Barlow A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life of Professor H.E.M. Barlow, FRS, will be held at The University Church of Christ the King, Gordoo Square, London, WCI, oo Friday, June 1, 1990, at noon. Would those wishing to attend please notify Miss M. Greville, University College London, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT.

Gala performance THE ROYAL Gala Performance of the Kirov's opening night in London of *Le Corsaire* is on Tuesday, June 5, 1990, in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon. The performance is in aid of The Sportsman's Aid Society's Teenage Cancer Appeal provid-ing purpose-built units for teen-agers with cancer. Tickets available only through 01 436 2877.

Schools

City of London School THE CORPORATION of London and the Board of Governors nf the City of London School are pleased to announce the ap-pointment of Mr Bryan Bass, Headmaster of Hymers College, Hull, to be Headmaster of the City of London School from September 1990, when the

The School of Oriental and African Studies

STR Robert Wade-Gery KCMG a former High Commissioner to India and currently an Exec-utive Director of Barclays de Zoete Wedd has been appointed to succeed the Rt Hon the Lord MacLehose, of Beoch as Chairman of the School's Governing Body with effect from September 1, 1990. Birthdays

today ' MR JULIAN Amery, MP, 71: Mr D.R.G. Andrews, former chairman, Land Rover-Leyland, 57; Mr 'R.P. Bauman, chief executive. Smithkline Beepresent Headmaster, Mr Martio Hammond, takes up his ap-pointment as Head Master of Tonbridge School.

cham Group. 59: Mr Louis Blom-Cooper. QC, 64: Mr Kim Brassey, racehorse trainer, 35; Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, 78; Mr R.P. Cohan, choreographer, 65; Miss Maria Ewing, opera singer, 40; Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, 63; Mr Julian Glover, actor, 55: Sir David Hancock, civil servant, 56; Mr Hancock, civil servant, 50: Mr Victor Hochhauser, impresarto, 67: Lord Lyell, 51: Lord Plumb, 65: Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, cellist and conductor, 63: Str Richard Sharp, civil servant, 75: Vice-Admiral Sir Jock Stater, 52: Professor Margaret Staces, sociologist, 68: the Earl of Suffolk, 55: Miss Sarah Vau-ghan, singer, 66: Mr Michael York, actor, 48.

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watched pot never boils. By words, the act of looking at the ever, says otherwise. The act atoms in the Penning trap, the choosing their pot carefully, atoms stops them changing of looking at a fuzzy quantum act of looking can collapse the physicists at the National from state A to state B. Institute for Standards and This curious result can be Technology (NIST) in Colo-explained by quantum mecharado have now proved it. The pot is a Penning Ion the behaviour of very small

Nobel Prize for physics. In the coming up with results that NIST experiment, described defy everyday intuition.
in the March I issue of In the world of que Physical Review A, the pot is mechanics, objects do not filled with atoms of beryllium, behave as if they were simply and the warming is done with scaled-down billiard balls, and the warming is done with radio waves. Simply watching each one with a definite locathe atoms counteracts the effect of warming.

way the atoms' electrons are volume at a certain time. Thus arranged. In follow the experiment's progress, the "probability waves". researchers use a laser beam that makes atoms in state A sequences for the philosophy must have looked like. However, before long, the droplet find that the more measure—mechanics, scientists had as—breaks into wispy tendrils and find that the more measurements they make, the more simed that the nature of the same of the physical world would be until the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms that affected by the act of observing the number of atoms the number of atoms

COOKS always say that a remain in state A. In other it. Quantum mechanics, how-

Trap, a kind of sancepan for things. Ever since its devatomic cookery. The ion trap elopment in the 1920s, quanwon its inventors last year's turn mechanics has been In the world of quantum

tion in space. A quantum object is fazzy, and its location The radio pulses convert the can be defined only inexactly, atoms from one form (A) to in terms of the likelihood that another (B) that differs in the it will be found in a given

nics, the theory that describes So measurement does not the behaviour of very small merely "show" the object; in a sense, it "creates" it from the smeared-out wave. Another quirk of measure-

ment in the world of quantum mechanics is revealed by the NIST experiment. When a number of quantum mechanical particles evolve from one state to the other, they start off with some "memory" of their initial state (the technical term is "coherence"), but after a while this memory is lost. It is rather like a droplet of ink dispersing in a glass of water. After only a very short time, the droplet has bardly begun "probability waves". to mix, and it is relatively easy
This idea has dramatic conto see what the original drop

system such as the beryllinm particle collapses it from a palette of possible properties into a sharply defined object.

particle collapses it from a particles back to their starting configuration — in this case, preventing them from going preventing them from going from state A to state B. This is only true if the

measurement is made while the particles still retain some memory of having been in state A: if it is made too late, all memory is lost. However, the NIST group set up their experiments in such a way that the atoms' memory lasts essentially indefinitely. The researchers found that if they make measurements often enough, the atoms are constantly forced back to the initial state - the pot never

boils. In the ink drop analogy, it is as if the drop is kept from mixing just by watching it The moral, perhaps, is that in quantum mechanics there are times when it pays to be circumspect

Philip Ball



FINANCIAL NOTICES

ROBECO

ROBECO N.V.

to be held on Thursday, 12th April. 1990, at Concert and Congree building "de Doelen", emmisse Kruspien 30, Roserdam, at 9,30

ANNUAL GENERAL MEE OF SHAREHOLDERS

AGENDA

Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life... whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' Si. John 11 : 25,26.

BIRTHS

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¡ARTWRIGHT - On March 25th. at 'The Portland Hospital, to Nicola Inde Greene) and Andrew, a daughter. Olivia Anna. Mother and baby are fine and father is recovering well.

CHILD-VILLIERS - On March 24th. In Kent. to Alexander and Linda-Benedicie. a son. CROOK - On March 20th, to Carol and Brian, a son, Fergut John Donald, a broth-er for Jamie and Robbie.

CROSS - On March 21st 1990. IO Susan (nee White) and John a son. Alexander John. DACEY - On March 23rd, to Jacqueline (née Machamara)

BAVIES - On March 19th, at Raigmore, Inversess, to Nicky (née Richard) and David, a daughter, Amabél. de WALDEN - On March 26th.
to Camilla and Ludovic. a
daughter, a sister for Rollo
and Niko. and Niko.

FEW BROWN - On March 23rd
1990. at St Thomas'
Hospital, to Alison (née
Coltreti) and Ben. a
daughter. Emily Elizabeth.

GEFERS - On March 22nd. at The Portland Hospital. to isdagny (née Carpio) and Robert, a son. Alexander Debert, a son. Alexander

Robert.

CRIMES - On March 17th, to
Geraldine and Malcoim, a
son, Tony Sem, a brother for
Victoria. RANNAM - On March 20th. Io

HITCHCOCK - On March 13th 1990, at Warrington DG Hospital, to Arthur and Julia-Anne mée Burtont, a daughter, Sally Jordan.

HORNEY - On March 22nd, to Anne (née Rae) and John, a son, Edward John, SOLLIFFE - On March 13th 1990, to Dewn (née Pheipsi and Gordon, a son. Callum

Fergus.

LAMBETH - On March 24th, to Chervil (nie St. Pier) and Tristan Lambeth. of South Lodge, Wisborough Green. Sussex, a little girl. Claudia Fleur, a sister for Oliver.

PELLY - On March 23rd 1990, to Jane and Hugh, a daugh-ter, sister for Tom. Matthew, Adam and Christopher.

RAND - See Pote-Hunt. RUTTLE - On March 23rd, at

The Portland Hospital Lot-don to Stephen and Flona a son, to Emma a brother, James Patrick Mayo.

SHAUGHNESSY - On March 18th. to Susan, wife of Charles Shaughnessy, of Los Angeles, U.S.A., a tiaughter, Jenny Johanna,

SOUTHERN - On March 23rd, to California, to Julie toke Rinerl and Andrew, a son, Matthew Henry Riller.

COLDEN

ANNIVERSARIES COVENTRY: ASHTON - On Merch 27th 1940 at Bromoton Oratory, London.

Bromoton Oratory, London, Frederick to Lola, by the Res. C.C. Martingale S.J. On March 27th 1940 at St.
Mary's. Graham Tetrace.
Sw's. Preet Mower white to
Jane Eastwood Still at 401
Elm Tree court, Elm Tree
Road, london, NWB 9JT.

DEATHS AMERICAE On March 23rd
1990, at Tenterden, Mary
Traveta, formerly of
Mansfield, Benenden, Nent.
Daughter of the late Edward
and Eva Ambrose, of
Handlion, Ontario, Sister of
the late Judge Alan, John
and Edward, Much loved
aunt of James and Judith,
Served with the Canadian
Red Cross, Fungral Siervace
Benenden Church, Monday
April 2nd at 2.50 pm.
tolkowed by cremation at
Vinters Park, Mandalone
Flowers or donations for
British Diabetic Association
to N.B. Sills Lid, Kenw.ood.
High Street, Crambrook.
Kent, jel. (0680) 71.2284.

MAR 27

The Commune, declaring Paris to

be a free city, was proclaimed on March 18 and lasted until May when

the insurgents copitulated to the

Government. It had been a bloody

affair - in the last seven days

fighting over 50,000 Parisians were

THE CIVIL WAR

IN PARIS

(From Our Special

PARIS, MARCH 25.

Correspondent)

Last night we went to bed thinking

that for once we might sleep soundly,

with little risk of being awakened in

the middle of the night by the rattle

of musketry or rush of panic-stricken crowds. There had been a reconcili-

ation. The Parties of Order and of Disorder had met together, Belleville

and St. Germain were kissing each

This morning all is changed, and

one of my scouts has just come in to tell me that at any moment Civil War

may break out more fiercely than ever, the Party of Order being this

time the first to make the attack by

endeavouring to carry the enemy's

positions... I cross the street and find

myself among gentlemen with whom

any... token of "respectability" might

lead to my conviction as an "aristo", and therefore natural execution as a

apy.
I met a Franchman yesterday who

told me he could not safely ac-company me to the Hotel de Ville, as

if he were observed there he would, in

all probability, be sent before a court-

marshal and summarily shot. I asked

why, expecting to hear that he had in

some way personally incurred the

hostility of the Comite Central But

his offence was partly rank and partly

a slight connection with a portion of

the "reactionary" press. He did not

mind, however, going near the lion.

so long as we took care not to walk

actually into the animal's jaws ... We

had covered a mile of ground - or not

very much more - and we had

repeatedly passed from one hostile

camp to another, each party ready to

fly at the other's throat, though

scarcely knowing why or how to

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Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday April 3rd 1990 at 4 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to National Triest. Enquiries and donations c/o Senford and Newhaten Funeral Service. 10323) 893889.

GREY - On Wednesday March 21st, with much courage after a long litness, Caristabel, The Juneral will be at Harting Parish Church, near Peterstield, on Wednesday March 28th at 5 pm. Flowers to Funeral Services Ltd.. 19 The Square, Petersfield.

GREY EGERTON - On

OREY EGERTON On Thursday March 22nd, peacefully, aged 93, KATHLEEN LADY GREY EGERTON, lately of west Lulworth. Dorset Most dear-ly loved mother of David and tthe late) Zena Dackson. The private crem

the late) Zena Dicision. The private cremation took place so Monday March 20th.

GUINNESS - On March 21st. John Back Grattan of Sorcyton. Devon. after a long littless. befored husband of Joanne. No flowers, cremation private.

GUNDRY - On March 24th 1990. The Revd Canon Dudley Wilham Gundry, lately Chancellor of Leterster Cathedral so April 2nd at 12 noon. If desired, donahous instead of flowers to Letterster Cathedral so April 2nd at 12 noon. If desired, donahous instead of flowers to Letterster Cathedral or Letterster Grammar School.

HAMMETON - On March 25th, in Wurchester College Chapel. No flowers please, donahous of ornday March 30th at 2 pm. Memorial Service later in Winchester College Chapel. No flowers please, donahous of oesered to Ex Services Mental Weifare Society. Broadway, London SW19. Chirton Successions to the Intensive Care Unit. Charing Cross Hospital. Hammersmith. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Praise the SNAPLAND - On March 23rd.
peacetuilly in her 85th year.
at Oakwell Residenbul
Home. Barnstaple. Barbara
Josephine L.D.S. date of
Credition). Eldest daughter of
the late Mr and Mrs H.R.
Shapland, of Bellaire.
Barnstaple and dearly loved
sister of Joy and Monica.
Funeral Service at
Grosvenor Suret Chapel.
Bear Street. Barnstaple. on
Thursday March 29th at
10.45 am. to be followed by
cremation. Family flowers
only. donalions if desired to
The Leprosy Mission. c/o
Padfields Funeral Service.
Barnstaple.
SNERWOOD - On March 24th.
Alice Mary (Murray). SHAPLAND - On March 23rd Alice Mary (Murray).

devoted and much loved wife
of David Milner and loving
mother and grandmother

Funeral private.

ON THIS DAY

friends.

private cremation. No flowers please, Contribu-bons, if desired, to University

of Leeds Brotherton Library Special Collections Fund. ROBERTS - On March 23rd.

Brigader John March Zord.
Brigader John March Herbert
O.B.E. Late Parachute
Regment, formerty Wesh
Guards, Regurem Mass 2.30
pm Sunday April 1st.
Carmettle Church,
Membridge Chirch Street.

Church,

1871

distinguish their foes from their

great many National Guards were going about without wearing on their caps, the usual figures to denote the number of their battalions. Probably

they felt that, not knowing at what

moment they might be in a bon or maturals camp, it was as well to carry

no sign of belonging to either. As,

about haif-past 3, we entered a street leading back into the Rue de Rivoli,

we found the inhabitants all crowd-

ing to the doors and windows, and in

the utmost state of excitement

"Fighting was going on" they all declared, close by at the Louvre...

However, when we got to the

Louvre, although no fighting had

commenced, the aspect of affairs was

as threatening as it well could be. A large, excited crowd, swaying back-

wards and forwards as varying

rumours inspired them with fear or confidence, and swarming now up,

now down the adjoining streets, covered the broad pavement of Rue

de Rivoli, while the road was filled with battalions of the National

Guard. Were these bons or mé-chants? It was a delicate question to

ask without knowing the sentiments

of the gentlemen whom you asked it.

I mounted on the base of one of the

buttresses that support the arcade,

and getting thus a view over the heeds saw a sight that by no means

ressured me. Immediately in front of

me were two pieces of artillery, manned by a motley crew of National

Guards and regulars. A sailor with an

are in his hand sat upon one of the gun carriages; the pieces were already loaded; I heard afterwards they had

been loaded on the ground in full face

of the men they were brought down

horseback, were three of four Garibaldians in red shirts and red

caps of liberty. One of them wore a

long waving plume in his cap. Another had covered his cap with

peacock's feathers. Their faces were

in strict keeping with this wild costume. They looked just the sort of

reckless devil-me-care fellows, cut

out for a street row, or, indeed, any

mad mischief might not the armed

mob of a great capital do? ...

With such leaders at its head, what

Away to the left, conspicuous on

to overewe.

sort of row.

We had noticed on our way that a

desired to charity of your choice.

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THE ARTS

Sisters and mothers

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

FOR Cutting Edge (Channel 4), Polly Bide and Helena Kennedy had a remarkable film on Sister Elaine Roulet, a Catholic nun in New York who spends much of her time reuniting children with their imprisoned and often murderous mothers. Within Bedford Hills maximum security prison she has set up a family centre. That is all the more impressive, given the brutality of a system where, elsewhere, prison guards sometimes train their guns on visiting children.

No one doubts the guilt of these mothers — indeed one coolly confessed to camera the murder she had committed. But Sister Roulet's point is that they still have small children who need parenting, children who have been known to break into gaol, in an attempt at reunion. Sister Roulet has fought the local Westchester community, which objected to the children of prisoners being moved mto the area, and she has now found more than 100 local households willing to put up the kids while they visit their mothers.

All moral judgments apart, it is surely evident that children should not be punished for the sins of their parents. Separation while in prison is just such a punishment. But, in Sister Roulet's view, the stigma of parental imprisonment is somehow lessened by regular contact. Her work ought surely to be examined in some detail by penal reform commissions over here.

On Panorama (BBC 1) Ian Smith was looking at the increasing tension between developers and conservationists as the greening of Britain becomes more and more apparent. Not that this is always a good thing: the white cliffs of Dover now appear to be turning green as a direct result of engineers' interference, thereby necessitating not only a rewrite of the Vera Lynn lyric but also serious objections to the Channel Tunnel, which is causing all the

trouble. Conservationists perceive the regionalization of the Nature Conservancy Council as a dastardly governmental attempt to castrate it, and they could well be right. Meanwhile, Magnus Magnusson talks of "healthy creative tension" between developers and preservers. I have started, so

Hermann Prey, making a London Wagner début this week, talks to Barry Millington

Birdman of Nürnberg

takes the Covent Garden stage on Thursday night as the town clerk, in John Cox's Beckmesser. production of Wagner's Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg, he will be rising once again to one of his favourite challenges. The pedantic critic, Beckmesser, who steals the hero Walther's song in an attempt to get the girl, is one of the least lovable characters in opera. But according to Prey, the

traditional way of playing him — as a shambling, imbecilic buffoon — is wrong. "As the Stadischreiber, or town clerk, he would have commanded respect: he is the one professional man among the Masters, the most educated the only one with Latin." He is also head of the police and therefore the superior of the Nightwatchman, which makes it richly ironic that after the riot, which he has unwittingly provoked by his serenading, he has to hide from the Nightwatchman.

Prey believes that Beckmesser should therefore be played and sung with dignity, and quotes Wagner oo the subject. After the first performance in Munich in 1968 Wagner wrote to the Vien-1868, Wagner wrote to the Viennese conductor Heinrich Esser, complaining that the singer who had created the part, Gustav Hölzel, had made Beckmesser into a buffoon. He should be as serious as the other Masters: only the situation in which he finds himself makes him appear ridiculous. Prey believes that Beckmesser's romantic infatuation with Eva

also makes him act irrationally. When had Prey evolved this interpretation of Beckmesser? Was it for his famous appearance in the role at Bayreuth in 1982, in Wolfgang Wagner's production? "No, I had it in my mind long before." In the 1960s, he had been singing Wolfram in Tannhäuser for Wolfgang's brother Wieland. "One day you will be my Beckmesser," Wieland had said. But Wieland had died in 1966.

Not for another 15 years was Prey invited to Bayreuth to tackle the role. He told Wolfgang Wagner that he wanted to make the character quite different from the traditional caricature.

Did Prey not find a contradiction between such a sympathetic portrayal of the character and the nature of the music Wagner gives



Hermann Prey in rehearsal on stage at Covent Garden as Beckmesser in Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg

him to sing? "It is certainly very difficult to sing, but I try to sing it beautifully, like Lieder. For some people, it may be too beautiful."

ut Wagner is only a small part of Prey's repertory. În particular he is known for his Mozart, and has done all the baritone roles. Which gives him the most pleasure? The answer is a surprise: "Papageno". He has played the amorous bird-catcher all over the world, and is due to do so again this summer. "A 60-year-old Papageno. Not bad, eh?"

He has not been seen at Covent.

would have liked, and not at all, in opera, in recent years. The last production in which he appeared was that of Die Fledermaus, first seen in 1977. Prey repeated his Eisenstein in the first couple of revivals, but latterly his place has been taken by Thomas Allen. He has, however, given no fewer than five Lieder recitals at Covent

Garden as much as many people

Garden, as well as at the Wigmore Hall, the Royal Festival Hall and the Edinburgh Festival.

Was he, then, devoting more of his time to *Lieder* these days? "Yes, I'm doing less opera now. There's another generation of directors and conductors coming. up", he adds obliquely, by way of explanation. The idea of the Schubertiade, which he founded in Hobenems, Austria, in 1976, has been taken up elsewhere. In Vienna a similar project is m its sixth year and in New York in its third. Two more are planned, in Würzburg and Japan. In each place, the idea is that Schubert's whole ocuvre - the orchestral and chamber music as well as the songs - is performed in chronological order over a period of 10 years. The beauty of the concept, as Prey enthusiastically points out, is that the music "gets better from year to year", as the master-works of Schubert's maturity are ap-,

He clearly has a special affinity with Schubert, who "long ago be-came the centre of my life", and to prove it he tells a curious anecdote. Thirty years ago, when he first learnt the soog-cycle Winterreise, he found that, try as he might, be always made the same three mistakes – small mat-ters of rhythm and text-setting. One day, when be was allowed to study the autograph manuscript in the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York, he found, to his amazement, that at those same points, Schubert had originally written what he had been singing. He had unconsciously been reproducing Schobert's first thoughts. "I did wonder then if

◆ Performances of Die Meistersinger are at the Royal Opera House, Floral St, Landon WC2 (01-240 1066), opening on Thursday, and then on April 3, 6, 9, 12, 16.

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tween heaven and earth."

Dissolving the borders

WORLD MUSIC

David Toop

Rvuichi Sakamoto Dominion

"THIS is my first concert in London since YMO days," said Ryuichi Sakamoto, referring to a long-past performance given hy his Japanese techno-rock trio, Yellow Magic Orchestra. "I'm a bit oervous," he admitted, "but excited." The audience had some cause to be nervous also, since trans-global musical fusion (an idiom io which Sakamoto is increasingly involved) can fall flat when transferred from the recording studios to the stage.

Sakamoto has discovered heart and feeling, though, and has discarded the role of Japanese technocrat. He calls his music "outer nationalism", a Utopian art without national boundaries, and cheerfully confesses to the personal re-awakening of hippy idealism that this suggests. Aside from the ideals, this was no hippy show. The organization of a musically and technically complex two hours was virtually faultless.

At centre-stage was Youssou N'Dour, the remarkable sioger from Senegal, and to one side were

two diminutive Okinawan women in kimonos. They compensated for being the smallest musicians on stage by consistently stealing the limelight. This they accomplished by singing raucous, natal folk melodies, emitting shrill rhythmic whistles and playing plangent-toned Japanese stringed instruments called sanshins

On the other flank was a hyper-

active percussionist, beating numerous noise-makers from Brazil and Africa. These four, with a drummer, bass-guitarist and guitarist. Sakamoto and star session musician Nicky Holland playing keyboards, produced a lush, exotic and hard-hitting sound. At times, N'Dour's crying vocals blended eerily with the keening of the Okinawans and the strange timbres of electronically sampled ethnic instruments. At its most extreme, the cultural range traversed history as well as the globe. While the Okinawans played a repeated folk melody on their sanshins, Sakamoto answered with tragic chords that could have come from the pen of Mahler. The effect was moving and hypnotic.

The greater part of the set was taken from Sakamoto's superb new album, Beauty, but for an encore he chose to play his theme for The Last Emperor, describing it as one of his best hits.

Right up at the front

RECITAL Paul Griffiths

Ixion Purcell Room

SOON it may no longer be necessary to start every Ixion review by explaining that the ensemble takes its name from a piece by Mortoo Feldman. Io three years, under the directorship of Andrew Toovey, it has gained a distinctive place for itself, an offoff-London Sinfonietta place where music is perpetually in

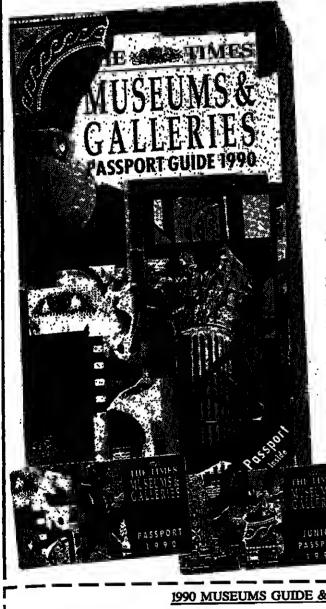
This South Bank début concert was typically magnetized. On the ooe hand there were the soft sounds of Feldman's Durations 2 for cello and piano (in which the durations could have been longer); oo the other, there were rampag-ing armfuls of ootes io Michael Finnissy's Piano Concerto No 3 of 1978, an exhilarating piece.

James Clapperton as soloist kept on top with furious and incisive playing to the end, and

Finnissy himself, as conductor, won tense, active support from the accompanying sexter. Fiercely imaginative within a single, driven state, ending with a sour, delicious twist, this is altogether a remarkable piece.

The scoring of its accompani ment, for oboe and clarioet, cello and double bass, and two trombones, provided the ensemble for Toovey's new Adam, where the subtlety of Finnissy's instrumentation is exchanged for bald oppositions of pairs, often io rudimentary and aggressive gestures. There were calmer moments of much greater accomplishment, sometimes with the woodwinds sliding over one another, but again the antithesis between these and the nasty bits was hrutish.

There was also a pretty shocking contrast between the Toovey and the other Ixioo member's piece, Clappertoo's The Parliament of Four Futtit Beastis, which takes its title from Robert Henryson and suggests, in bagpipe-ish doodles for piano, oboe and cello, what Satie might have done if he had gone back to discover his roots.



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Sacrifice of play for stars

THEATRE Diane Hill

Ouelque Part dans cette vie Les Bouffes Parisiens

language into another can be wright Israel Horovitz.

Somewhere in This Life), by chat-shows. Dabadie - who is better known as a writer of songs, sketches and film-scripts butter on which to spread the Pierre Dux and the ingenuous Jane Birkin on stage together. Like much of Horovitz's work, Park Your Car in Harvard Yard (the title is the American equivalent of the elocution jingle "The rain in

Spain") takes an unblinking look at 20th-century social problems. The message is that learning opens the doors to the good life, while being deprived of it leaves one forever looking through the keyhole.

Jacob Brackish is a retired teacher whose forte during his working life was awarding zero marks to those he considered to be intellectual riff-raff, in order to scotch their university chances. After receiving a zero, Kathleen Hogan becomes his live-in housekeeper, seeking vengeance.

Dabadie's excessively clever dialogue banters over the play's dramatic depths. The glib one-liners raise laughs, but reduce Horovitz's savagely drawn characters to pasteboard cutouts. The story unfolds not as a series of emotional tableaux, but as a concerting of stilted images. His direction, too, is a

curious sort of pop-up theatre. The two characters take up positions around the stage without moch structured movement in between. There is a strong impression that Dux and Birkin have been left to their own devices, though the roles have been tailored to fit them like gloves, and in this respect Dabadie's verbal'



Jane Birkin: halting French

LIFTING a play out of one handicraft is haute couture. Horovitz's hard-bitten done by faithful translation, school-teacher and vicious exskilful adaptation, or un-student disappear, leaving the abashed re-creation. Jean- stage to Dux (one of France's Loup Dabadie opts for re- most respected hommes du creation in his handling of theatre) and the English film Park Your Car in Harvard actress Birkin, who has lived Yard, a two-hander by the in France since her debut in American contemporary play- Richard Lester's The Knack, and whose simplicity, charm Reworked and directed as and halting French have made Quelque Part dans cette vie her a regular on television

Dux's professionalism, experience and dramatic presence give the production the this hard-baked, Angst-laden backbone it would otherwise slice of Uncle Sam becomes a lack. Birkin, hesitant and unmid-Atlantic, sentimental sure at first, draws courage round of tea-time bread-and- from Dux to fill out and exist in her own right within jam of having the illustrious Dabadie's street-wise yet gauche character, until it is hard to know where the actress ends and the acting

Yet these two perfectly attuned performances beg the question: was it necessary to sacrifice the guts of Horovitz's a difficult question, raise it to challenging us and making

Lies a-mouldering? Alasdair Cameron

John Brown's Body Tramway, Glasgow

IT IS only after reading John McGrath's programme notes that his purpose in creating John Brown's Body, a musical march through the past 200 years of Scottish labour history, becomes clear. It is to show us that there is still a need for socialism.

be essentially Luddite. This is only one of a number

the right noises in the programme about the mistakes of the communists in Eastern Europe, in an unchallenged meditation a WRAF officer wonders if Britain shouldn't for a while and then returns American multinationals. There is no attempt to ask why, just the blanket assurance that it is a bad thing. The ing on making his good nights motto seems to be: "If you see out even better and went back

dodging major issues is further heightened by McGrath's Olympian disdain for every form of socialism except, one therefore has a decidedly pessimistic and hopeless end, which seems to hint at a dangerous power vacuum in which the working class can trust nobody.

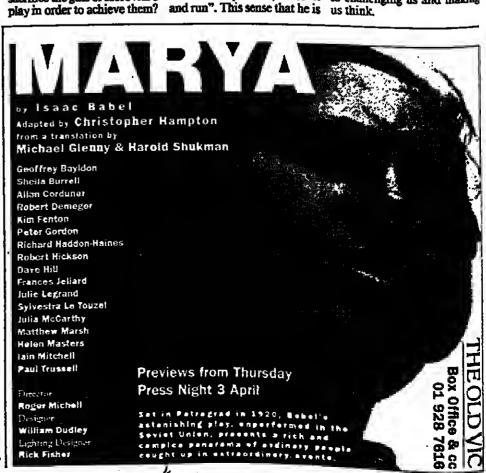
But the essential problem is that the jolly format of soogs interspersed with Dave Andersoo's lovable clown rou-In the play, however, this is tine as the "Lumpen Prolet-far from obvious. In fact, since ariat" means nothing can be it begins in a green and examined properly. At the pleasant pre-industrial heart of John Brown's Body merrie Scotland" where the there are exciting ideas about women are washing their blan- the growth of modern induskets in a stream, and ends with trial society. Though a 30a denunciation of late 20th mioute, rather recherche century consumerism, the examination of 19th-century prevailing message seems to forms of punishment does be essentially Luddite. interesting than the cariof contradictory messages. Al- catured parade of Tories and though McGrath again makes class traitors which goes before and after.

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THE ARTS

In advance of the contemporary art fair Art London 90, Adrian Dannatt offers collectors financial rather than aesthetic advice

What price taste when buying art?

only huy art works that you really like? Wrong. The standard advice to anyone about to plunge into the contemporary art market is severely out of date. If you want to huy art as an investment, an object of financial as well as aesthetic appreciation, then you would probably one wise to forget all about your one tests. all about your owo taste.

If, on the other hand, you are repelled by the idea of huying art as a commodity — as just another, smart product — then you understand very little about the contemporary art market. In which case, you would be well advised to steer clear of shark-infested seas.

In theory, populist gatherings such as Art London 90 - the fifth International Contemporary Art Fair, opening at Olympia this Thursday - are intended to do

away with the snohbishness asso-ciated with buying art. Sponsored hy British Airways and clearly aimed at those with money to spare but not necessarily any experience of buying art, the fair will exhibit more than 1,200 artists, whose works bear price-tags from £50 to £500,000. Here you will find every kind of gallery, hawking every imaginable shape and style, from photo-realistic paintings of trucks to the most minimal sculptures. But the deliciously arcane codes of the international avant-garde still apply, and a serious collector is obliged to follow them. Contemporary art

is both expensive and élitist.
The sharp end of cootemporary art is a confusing, intellectually complex place. Real collectors, with more art than they could ever display even in a Tuscan villa or SoHo loft, know everything that is

Abstract wins points but canvas does not: "Configuration", by Frank Avray Wilson at Art London 90, is not fashionable at the moment

developments in critical thinking and cultural production. They tour galleries and skim through every glossy art magazine. They know what, in American parlance, is "hot" and what is not. No auction price or bad review goes

recorded.

For the rest of us, a few guidelioes, crassly simplistic though they will seem to the connoisseurs: never buy cheap, never buy figurative, and avoid paintings done on canvas. Paintings are oot really very "now", and the collector's skill depends on acute judgements of precisely when "then" becomes "oow" and vice versa.

What is unmistakably fashiooable is the cult of objects: artefacts that hover between self-conscious sculptures and everyday appli-ances, between the objet trouvé and the carefully crafted. If you have to ask yourself the question "Is it art?", it is worth investing in. For sure returns, another good

policy is only to buy American. Manhattan artists have far higher status, deserved or not, than Londoo counterparts in the same field. Chauvinism, and inverted chauvinism, play a big role in contemporary art.

Cologne and FIAC in Paris are among the most important art fairs, and have recently been joined by ARCO in Madrid. Although 120 galleries from 16 countries will be exhibiting at Art London 90, this fair is not among the biggest players. Nevertheless, there will be interesting trends to be spotted at Olympia.

A gallery such as Salama-Caro (which is relatively new to Cork Street), is among the few which will be showing younger British artists — but its prices reflect the location. However, there are some bright, small galleries which have all the requisite international cootacts - reciprocal arrangements with New York or Cologne for instance - and are oot afraid to deal in bold, complex, and often controversial young artists.

Interim Art is the ideal gallery for a new, young collector interested in cootemporary work, who enjoys the challenge of the difficult and whose budget stretches from £500 (below which the object is probably not worth buyiog) to a few thousand pounds - which rules out more established artists. Run by Maureen Paley, quintessential New Yorker in exile, Interim has a spicy roster of the more concep-tually-minded international artstrong on "artists' multiples", pieces made in small editions — a Warhol-like concept with a decidedly high investment appeal.

onsider the case of Jenny Holzer, an extremely hot American artist who deals with subverted forms of public proclamation: official prooouncements or advertising jargon short-circuited upon itself. A year ago at Interim Art you could have bought a simple black aluminium plaque, with one of her take cliches stamped upon it (such as "It is embarrassing to be caught and killed for stupid reasons"). in an edition of ten for £550.

Since then, however, she has had a one-woman show at the Guggenheim in New York, been chosen as sole representanve of American art at the Venice Biennale, and starred in the latest film by Dennis Hopper, a collector of her work. At a Sotheby's auction last month, the same plaques were selling for £2,100. A multiple, by definition, is not unique, but it is usually rarer and more important than an etching or any type of priot, few of which appreciate sufficiently to be worth huying as an investment.

Interim also represents the promising British artist Angela Bulloch, whn uses what look like early-1970s lighting fixtures to huild her own mysterious and atmospheric installations. Also interesting is the young Brinsh art team, Langlands & Bell, who make elegant, beautifully crafted pieces, often on the theme of architectural plans and their coded, ideological meaning. For example, their "Air Routes of North West Europe (Night and Day)", in an edition of five, look at first like austere abstraction. Bot when you see how they represent night and day routes, they call into question our aesthetic value-judgements: the way we assume some signs to be art and others commerce, how we daily confuse abstraction and representation.

The whole poiot of an Art Fair is that one should feel free to buy that little still-life etching by an unknown Swedish studeot. The



Not only on canvas, but figurative, so doubly unfashionable: Cameron Galt's "Vanity", shown by Houldsworth Fine Art at Art London 90

point of cootemporary art collecting is that ooe should feel obliged. to buy that mysterious supermarket object by a New York Superstar. One may be prettier,

the other more profitable: the choice is yours. Art Londoo 90 is at London Olympia from Thursday, March 29 to April 1; open 11am-8pm each day.

Vintage tribute

VARIETY Sheridan Morley

> Cook's Tour Shaftesbury

THE LATE Ray Cook was less famous than he should have been. The Australian pianist, conductor and arranger worked on mure than 40 West End musicals between his arrival here in 1960 and his death last year. Cook's Tour at the Shafteshury was a remarkable memorial to his talents.

It was also the first production hy West End Cares, an organization of London theatre workers dedicated to raising money for Aids charities. Around £60,000 was earned nvernight in Cook's name hy a gala which vastly improved oo the usual run of thrown-together Sunday charity coocerts. Too often the good cause

is the only good thing around.
But Cook's Tour reunited Angela Lansbury with Bea Arthur (from Golden Girls) to celebrate the Mame they first sang on Broadway two decades ago. It also allowed Liz Robertsoo to sing oumbers from the King and I she has been touring with Nureyev, and Evelyn Laye to win a standing ovatioo merely by walking downstage as the one singular sensation from Chorus Line.

This was a celebration of British and American musical theatre at irs greatest. But it was also a poignant reminder of the talents being lost through suddeo death and the general evanescence of the old style big-band show. The ghosts of Bob Fosse, Michael Bennett, Gower Champion and Alan Jay Lerner were all around the Shaftesbury on Sunday night, as were some of their greatest shows. Cook's Tour brought back not only the scores that seem to be in constant revival - My Fair Lady, Sweet Charity, Okla-homa! - hut also those that we have unwisely allowed to fall into disuse: Pippin, Sail Away, Oh What a Lovely War!

From Maria Friedman's breathtaking "I Happen to Like New York" to the veteran Elisabeth Welch in the title song from Pippin, this was a viotage evening. Even its ending, with two small children sioging "Tomorrow" in what could have been the most appallingly sentimental of cliches. became in the cootext of West End Cares a moment of heartbreaking optimism.

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Enter the muscular Christian

Dr Robin Eames, the Archbishop of Armagh, is a front-runner for the See of Canterbury. But how would the Church react to his dynamic and

masterful style? George Hill reports

ome archbishops are as wise as serpents, and some as harmless as doves; only a few succeed in being both, as Christ recommended. The retiring incumbent of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, is manifestly a dove, though there may be reservations in Downing Street about how far he has been harmless.

The prelate most prominently tipped to succeed him, in what is a very open field, is a man nf a very different mark, definitely serpent rather than dove. This may endear him more to Mrs Thatcher, who will, in effect, have the final say in the appointment, than to the churchmen whn will pick the short-list of names she will choose

The Right Reverend Dr Robin Earnes, Archbishop of Armagh, has for years moved expertly in a world of subtle diplomacy among the embattled factions that have an interest in Northern Ireland. Some who have watched his activities closely in recent years have also gained an impression of competitiveness and personal ambition. His private view of the way Dr Runcie has handled the agonizingly difficult problem of the Lebanon hostages is said to be highly critical.

As one close observer of Irish bishops has put it "He is not a man dogged by dogma" - adding that it was difficult to distinguish the churchman in him from the politician, the bureaucrat and the

Only a rather unworldly observer would suppose that a drive to reach the top, and thereby to maximize one's ability to do good, is necessarily a disqualification for the highest office in the Anglican Church. But, being what it is, the Anglican Church may well feel uneasy at the prospect of finding a dynamic and masterful archbishop at its head. In Aesop's fable, the frogs asked Zeus to choose them a king, and he threw a log into their pond. Finding their new ruler boring, they petitiooed for a more exciting sovereign. Zeus sent a stork, who soon made

them wish the log was king again. By history and temperament, the Church tends to be more comfortable with King Log than King

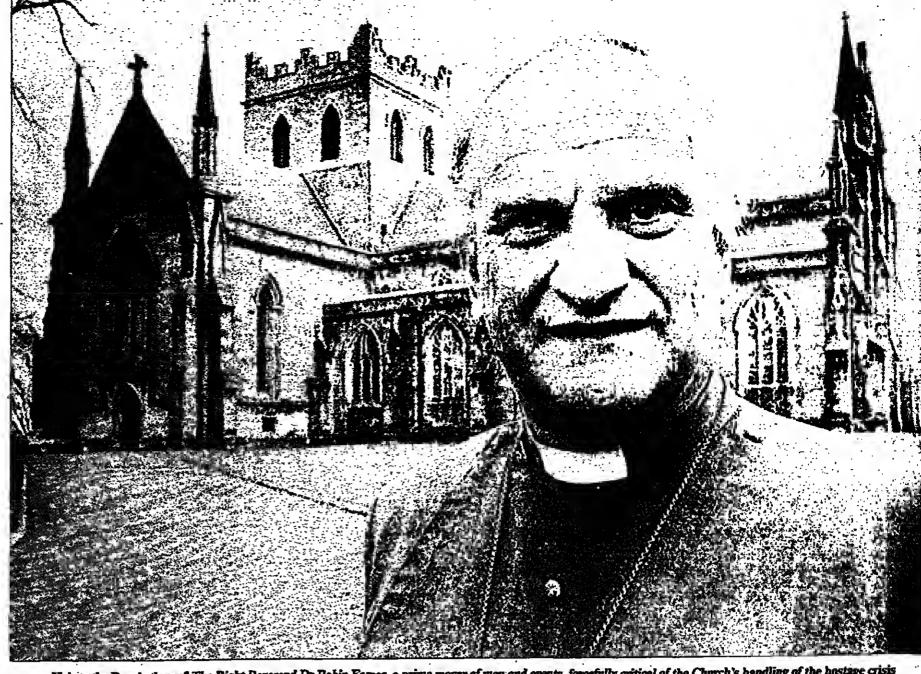
There is a sharp contrast in manner and style between the two men. Runcie has a diffident, anguished air, and manifestly took scant pleasure in the prominence his office brought him. He credibly professes to be looking forward after retirement to the trivial round, the common task and the 20 black Berkshire pigs which, Emsworth-like, he has reared down in the country. In fact, there is more steel in his composition than he allows to show.

Dr Eames is a forceful mover of men and events, and is not recorded to feel impelled towards the washing up or the pigsty. He is a rugby man, and on summer weekends he is out of canonicals into oilskins as nften as he can manage, sailing to win in his high-performance 30ft cruiser-racer on Strangford Lough in County Down. Bellowing "Starboard!" through the rain-squalls, he is the epitome of muscular Christianity.

Dr Eames has found himself much in the limelight in recent years, and has shown every sign of enjoying it. He became Anglican Primate of All Ireland in 1986, and has interpreted his role much as one of mediator between communities and politicians. He knows Margaret Thatcher fairly well, and Charles Haughey rather better. He has the ear of the chief constable, the cardinal, and the SDLP, and his contacts with the Orange Lodges are close.

The qualities of the dove must in some measure be an essential qualification for such a role, and the pastoral requirements have at times been harrowing. He has buried scores of victims of sectarian violence, and in 1987 he had to help families of victims of the Enniskillen bombing as they identified the shattered remains of their loved ooes. He has written a book about the problem of

In 1988, Dr Runcie appointed



Heir to the Runcie throne? The Right Reverend Dr Robin Eames, a prime mover of men and events, forcefully critical of the Church's handling of the hostage crisis

him chairman of an international commission in the Anglican Communico on the ordination of women. This key role in the most acute debate within the Church today guaranteed him a high profile on the national, as well as the provincial stage. By general consent, he has played the dove to some effect here, too, by leading the commission towards a set of proposals which are likely to prove acceptable to most parties.

Limelight is unavoidable in these roles. But it is whispered that he has backed into it with more gusto than is altogether befitting. Some journalists in Northern Ireland believe that they detect a thinly disguised stategy to promote his claims to the top job. He takes his public image, as portrayed in the newspapers, very seriously indeed.

Last week Dr Eames gave an interview to a local news radio station in Ulster, in which he flirted with the possibility of glory in an almost Heselunian way. He was speaking before Dr Runcie had announced his retirement, but very much as a publicly tipped member of the bunch of frontrunners in a contest that was sure

to take place within two years, before Dr Runcie reached the age of compulsory retirement

sked about his feelings about a possible preferment to Canterbury, he replied: "It is not possible for anyone to say they would welcome or not welcome any challenge. You have to acknowledge when you are ordained in the Church that you have to look at every challenge. given to you and say: 'Is that what you think God is asking you to

The interviewer asked him about reports that he is highly regarded in Downing Street. "As far as the Prime Minister is concerned, she has shown at times, I think, a willingness to listen to anything that I have had to say, as she has listened to so many other people," he replied. "I find that what people say (is) that she seems to acknowledge some of the things I have said and done -

well, I hope she listens to them." A hint at what sort of oew broom he might prove to be at Lambeth may be gained from a report of a source close to him about his private view of the way the Runcie administration has handled the problem of Terry Waite and the other hostages in the Middle East.

He is said to have been critical in his comments. He felt that basic lines of inquiry had been followed up too weakly in the months following the kidnapping of Terry Waite, and that the episode showed signs of hesitancy. Underlying his comments, it is said, was a clear assumption that given the chance, he would adopt a more upbeat and possibly interventionist strategy to bring the hostages home.

His Ulster experience perhaps gives him claims to feel that he understands the psychology of the gunmen better than Dr Runcie. He has had great experience at working behind the scenes to bring people together across the divide of tribal enmity.

But the suggestion of an eager-ness to set about knocking heads together and sorting the terrorists out is likely to strike a pang of dread in the dovecotes of the Church of England. The Anglican Church is a structure which has designed itself with a multiplicity of checks and balances, to the

point where every interest-group can be confident that though it may never get its nwn way, it can ensure in perpetuity that its opponents never do.

He happens to have one further characteristic which may intensify the pang of dread. He is noly 52 years old, which is young for the See of Canterbury. Dr Runcie was aged 59 when he was enthroned, and most of the other serinus contenders this time round are in their late fifties or early sixties. It is not so much the prospect of an archbishop too young to give due weight to the office that may create fear (it is one of Dr Eames's strengths, in fact, that he is ao excellent performer on televisinn). as the prospect that an archhishop aged 52 would have up to 18 years ahead of him in the hot seat. A man could do much with his hands on the levers of power for so long a period. Barring illness, Mrs Thatcher could be choosing an archbishop well into the next

Mrs Thatcher may not be at all averse to the prospect of a strong Archbishop. But the selection is oot entirely in her hands. She can

only choose between the names on a short-list of two submitted to her by a commission of churchmen. She could reject both and bold out for the candidate she prefers, at the cost of a considerable fuse reopening the whole vexed question of the relationship between the Church and the secular power.

CRISPIN ROOM

In practice, the name of Dr Eames will be quite difficult to keep off the short-list whatever body of opposition there is in the Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury is head not only of the Anglican Church but also of the whole Anglican Communion of 68 million souls.

It would be diplomatic to acknowledge this fact by short-listing a bishop from outside England, but there are man candidates who would have diff culty in taking the occessary cath of loyalty to the British Crown Eames, as a contender who described but not English, will have strong claims to a place oo the light

If he is there, even io secon place, the Prime Minister will be free to consider whether or not she would like to provide the Church with King Stork.

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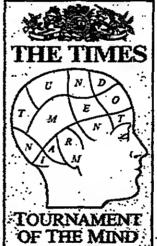
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4 DIAGRAMS

How many squares can be constructed within this diagram? Each comer of each square must res on a dot.

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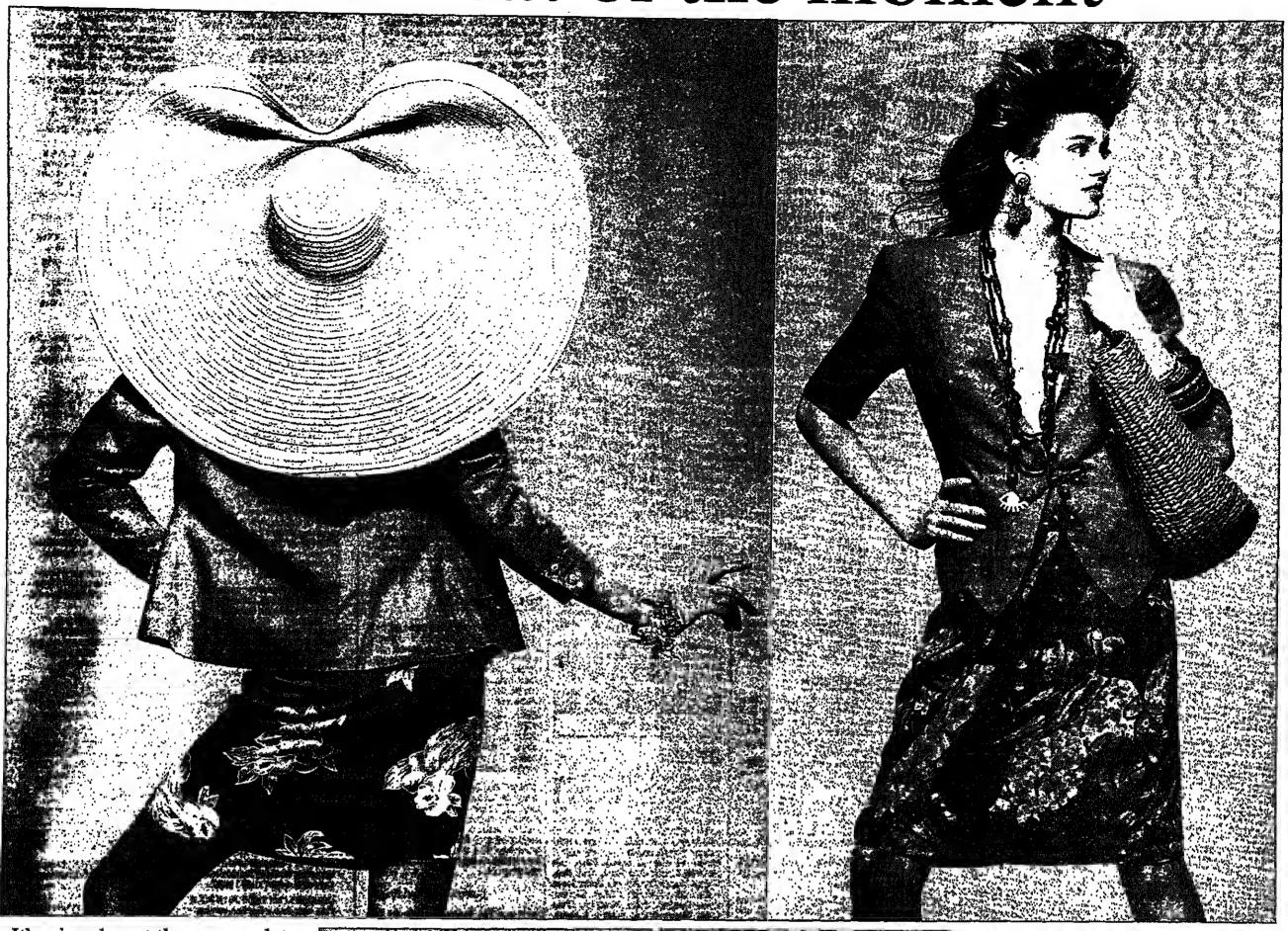
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In the heat of the moment



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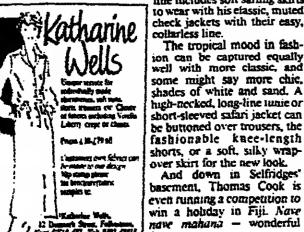
clothes sweeps through the stores

mesmeric attraction for fashion designers. Exuberant flowers and exotic fauna from his Polynesian paradise have colourfully embroidered Sunregularly been plundered for

The uninhibited surge of colour and pattern in the shops this season is elearly Gauguinesque in spirit. Fashioo followers can succumb to their sybaritic instincts and escape to a stylish, tropical Eden. Even the languorous glamour of the pareo - sim-ply, for the purposes of every-day clothing, a wrap skirt - is now firmly established as the easy way to disrupt the boring formality of the basic suit.

Palm fronds sway nn the new season's swimsuits and matching parcos, while gold fringing takes fashion close to the hule skirt. Hibiscus pink and coral linen jackets slip over skirts that are only a successories department. But-hook and eve and a few accessories department. But-cunningly ready-fixed swags ler & Wilsoo's luscious pine-away from a Bali Ha'i-style apple pin, for example, costs £28, with matching ear clips over skirts that are only a pareo. It is hardly surprising that many stores have felt inspired to plot a course for some far-flung destination as the theme for this season's promotional thrust.

Capmio Cook's third voyage to the South Pacific is recorded in a display of engravings in Harrods' Cen-tral Hall, while up on the fashion floor the racks of Polynesian sarongs and colourful prints prove that when scouring markets for their "From the Ends of the Earth" promotion, the Harrods team found particular riches in Gauguin's tropical paradise.



he flower-splashed Liberty is celebrating the parcos of Gauguin's vibrant arts and crafts of Tabitian beauties Mexico from April 5. Along-Liberty is celebrating the vibrant arts and crafts of have always held a side the sort of tin and papier day-best shirts and smocks from Mexico and Guatemala, its neighbour, perfectly in tune with fashion's enthusiasm for the ethnic.

There is even a heady whiff of the exotic io Marks & Spencer, with jungley printed cotton sarong skirts and goodlooking chambray shirts with ao embroidered bib front, both at £19.99.

But it is Selfridges which has set its sails most purpose-fully in the direction of the South Seas. The whole store is awash in the lush colours of the South Pacific, not just in the vivid blues breaking over coral and sand on the main fashioo floor, but with shells, pearls and raffia crafted into jewellery, bags and belts in the for the same price and a bracelet at £58.

Parrots, toucans and blue macaws have colonized the china department. Hibiscus. orchids and palms burst in tropical profusion in the flower shop. Fish vakalola with tapioca, followed by guava tart, is on the lunch menu in the restaurant. Only the swish of surf on silver sand is missing.

Escada, Yarell and Oui Set are labels to look for when investing in the more tailored "beachenmber" style. "beachenmber" style.
Armani's less expensive Mani line includes soft saring skirts to wear with his classic, muted check jackets with their easy, collarless line.

The tropical mood in fashion can be captured equally well with more classic, and some might say more chic. shades of white and sand. A high-necked, long-line lunie or short-sleeved safari jacket can be buttoned over trousers, the fashionable knee-length shorts, or a soft, silky wrapover skirt for the new look.

And down in Selfridges basement, Thomas Cook is

HOTLINE

THE names above the shop fronts along Bond Street have steadily switched in recent years from British in foreign. But last week Ballantyne, the cashmere company, bucked this trend by npening its first store there, smack between Givenchy and Hermes. One of British fashinn's spectacular export successes, it flies the flag in the new shop in the classic shape of the British cashmere cardigan, with its traditional grosgrain ribbon binding,

Softest sell

fashionably buttoned in gilt.
The cardigans, priced at £220 for cashmere or £75 for superfine merino wool, look irresistible neatly stacked nn slate and cherrywood shelves in Ballantyne's spectrum of delicious colours. Displays of smart striped mariniers, buttoned-tab sweaters and traditional V-necks for men and women transform the shop ioto a sumptuous cocoon.

Alistair Blair, the Scotnish designer recently appointed at Balmain ready-to-wear io Paris, introduced his cashmere collection for Bai-

lantyne. Ropald Miller, head of the Dawsoo international group, the world's largest cashmere processers whose star performers include Braemar, Pringle, Barrie, Gleumac and McGeorge as well as Ballantyne, says that price is not an issue. "Cashmere is the diamond of our textile industry," Miller says

Guiding lights

WHAT do Princess Margaret, Glenda Jack-son, Anita Roddick, Kim Wilde, Clare Short and Sally Oppenheimer have in common? The indelible fashion experience of being bottoned inside the blue shirt and navy skirt of the Girl Guide uniform, complete with scarf and woggle, that has been intle changed for 80 years. Ail are invited in the London fashion show oo April 18 when Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders of all shapes and sizes will parade the new uniforms that have taken Jeff Banks and his design team two years to develop. Regional fashion shows will follow.



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Above: Paprika linen jacket, £195, Mani; Gauguin-inspired printed sarong, £78, Yarrell; yallow straw basket, £19.90, Benetton; atl Selfridges, W1. Venetian glass earrings, £44.95; metal/bead necklace, £115; colled bead bracelet, £44.95; raffia bangles from £19.95, Liberty, W1

Above left: Hibiscus pink linen jacket, £185, Mondi; pineapple-printed scarlet sarong skirt, £49, La Blanca; cartwheel hat in yellow straw, £29.95; starfish charm bracelet, £295; all Selfindges

Left: Brightly-embroidered Guatemalan shirt in thick creem cotton, £48, Marilyn Garrow at Liberty. Shorts in printed silk, £82, Nicole Farhi; white straw hat, £10.50, Sandra Phillips; both Selfridges. Venetian glass earrings, £195, Liberty Far left: Panther-print swimsuit, £36.95, Exposay, wooden culfs, from £6; all Selfridges. Raffia hoop earrings, £15.95, Liberty. Grass skirt and raffia lef lant by the "Pacific Way" exhibition at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, W8

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days. Plus the Cinema Guide THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

NEW IN LONDON

ABINGDON SQUARE: Intense, moving and beautifulty performed play by Maria Irene Formes, first seen in this same production at the Soho Poly: a woman Spended in marriage in the early years of the century. With Annabelle Apsion, Philip Voss and Pearce Quigley.
National Theatre (Cottesioe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Underground:

Vaterico. Previews from tomorrow, 7.30-9.15pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30-9.15pm. Then in repertoire, £8.50. BESIDE HERSELF: Sexuel abuse, the

how and the why Sarah Daniels's new play begins with humorous cracks and then comes to the crunch. Royal Court, Sicane Street, SW1 (01-730 1745). Underground: Stoame Square. Previews from Thurs, 8pm. Opens April 4, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat (from April 7), 4pm. Mon £4, Tues-Sat £5-215. Sat met £4-£12.

EDEN: Black Theatre Season continues with Steve Carter's play, set in 1920s New York where a sophisticated West New York where a sophisticated West Indian girl loves a Southern Black boy. Alby James of Temba Theatre directs. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354). Underground: Hammersmith. Previews from Fri, 7.30pm. Opens April 2, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm (no perf Pri, April 13). Previews 24.50, from April April 14. 2, 26, Until April 14.

FIGARO GETS DIVORCED: Horvath's 1936 sequel to Begumarchais: Figaro, riva and the rest adapt to the Revolution, which Horvath transfers to

modern times. British premiere. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (01-229 0706). Underground: Notting Hill Gate. Previews tonight, tomorrow 7.30pm, Opens Thurs 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5. Until April 21.

LOOK, LOOK: Stephen Fry, Margaret Courtenay, Robin Balley in Michael Frayn play about an audience, so maybe the reverse of Noises Off, though presumably still funny.

Addwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. Previews from Fri, 7.45pm. Opens April 17, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm. Previews £4-£13.50, from April 17,

THE MISER: Roy Marsden plays Mo-Rere's Harpagon torn, though not for long, between love and money. Mike Altreds's touring production for Oxford Stage Company in London for three

Young Vic, 66 Tha Cut, SEI (01-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Preview tonight 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and April 5, 2.30pm, and April 7 and 14, 2.30pm. Preview 25, from March 28, eves £10, mats £5.

NEVER THE SINNER: Joss Ackland plays Clarence Darrow in latest version of the Leopoid/Loeb "thrill kill" case. The play comes gerlanded with awards from its 1985 Chicago production.

Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue,

WC2 (01-839 4401). Underground: nkment. Previews from tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Sat 3pm. Previews and mats £5-£12.50. From March 29, eves £5-£16.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE: Paul Nicholas and Bonnie Langford in the G&S swashbuckler given the Broadway

London Patladium, Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Underground: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. Mon-Fri £8.50-£18.50, Sat eve £6.50-£20, mats £5-£10. Until June 30.

VOLPONE: tan McDiarmid (as the Fox) and Nicholas Hytner (fresh from directing Miss Saigon) renew the partnership that created a superb Don Carlos in Manchester two years ago. With Denia

Lawson as Mosca. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Underground: Highbury & Islington, Previews Thurs-Sat, Mon. 8pm. Opens April 3, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4pm. Mon £4.50-£6.50, Tues-Sat, eves £8.50-£12.50, mets £5.50-27.50. Until May 5.

Not to Stalin's taste



saac Babel's reputation rests primarily on his short stories, although this Soviet writer would certainly have left more than his two surviving plays had Stalin not banned his work, sent him to a prison camp and shot him. Marya (previewing from Thursday at the Old Vic) is the work that alerted the authorities to his political unreliability - that is, his urge to show life as it is and not how despots would like it to be. The play was in rehearsal in 1934 when the ban was imposed, one reason probably being that the eponymous heroine (who never appears) is the daughter of a Grand Duke. She has joined the Revolution and is away fighting the Poles — the time is 1920 — but her aristocratic blood would have

rendered her unfit to be a Soviet heroine. Babel's episodic play requires a large cast and has only once before been staged in this country, at the Royal Court in 1967. And by a curious chance, the day after it opens in the Old Vic. with Sylvestra Le Touzel, Julie Legrand (left and right, respectively, in the photograph above) and Geoffrey Bayldon playing members of Marya's family, the play will be given its long-delayed premiere in Moscow. Marya, Old Vic, Waterloo Road, Londoo SEI (01-928 7616). Previews from Thursday, 7.30pm. Opens April 3 at 7pm. Then Monday to Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm. £7-£17.50. Jeremy Kingston

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NOTHING LIKE A ROYAL SHOW, Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 (01-985 2424). Sun: Doors 6.30pm, show 7.30pm, £15 to £25, in aid of the Entertainment Artists Benevolent Fund —

and to be filmed by LWT - Jools Holland

introduces what feels like the entire

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CAN'T PAY? WON'T PAY!: Revolting as take over the superm Patricia Brake and David Roper lead a revival of Dario Fo's anarchist farce. stre, King Street. W6 (01-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £7.50-£12.50. Until March 31.

JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Tom Conti takes over the well-known drunkabout-town locked overnight in his favourite pub. A great show if you're into the company of drunks.

Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, Sat mat 5pm, 25-£16.

MAN OF THE MOMENT: Michael Gambon and Peter Bowles superb in Ayokbourn's masterly harsh comedy: good meets evil on the Costa del Sol. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Underground: Piccadilly Circus, Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-11pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm, £7-£16.50.

MOSCOW SHADOWS: Barbara Lott and Josephine Tewson as two Moscow widows trading on the edge of the law, caught up in a murder case. New End Theatre, 27 New End. NWS

(01-794 0022). Underground: Hamptead. Tues-Sun 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm. Tues-Thurs and Sun £6: Fri and Sat eve £6.50: Sat met £5. Until April 8. NOEL AND GERTIE: Patricia Hodge and

Simon Cadell spar, sing and dance in Lane. Comedy Theatre, Panton Street,

London SW1 (01-930 2578). Under-ground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm.

SAINT OSCAR: Stephen Rea plays Wilde reviewing his life with Lord Alfred and St Sebastian in Field Day's production of Terry Eagleton's bold but flawed first play. Ends April 7.

Hampstoad Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Underground: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Sat mat £7, Sat eve

SHADOWLANDS: Nigel Hawthome and Jane Lapotaire in fine and moving play about C.S. Lewis's Indian summer love. Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166/01-439 3849). Under-ground: Piecadility Circus. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4.30pm, £7-£16.50.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE: Long-anticipated London premiere of Sondheim's 1984 musical inspired by Seurat's painting of a million dots: Philip Quast as George, Maria Friedman as

National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Underground: erico. Tonignt-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 2.15pm, Eves £9-£20, Wed mats £6-£12, Sat mats £7-£18. In

OUTSIDE LONDON

BELFAST: Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme. First performance in Northern Ireland of Frank McGuinness's intensely moving play set in the weeks, days, minutes before the First World War battle. Lyric, Ridgeway Street (0232 381081). Preview tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm. Until May 5. BRADFORD: Jubilee. Bill Owen and Constance Chapman in touring production of David Storey's play, first seen at

the NT, where it was known as The March on Russia and received mixed Alhambra, Morley Street (0274 752000). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £6-£11. Until March 31.

MANCHESTER: Henry IV Richard Harris and Sarah Miles, with lan Hogg and Harold Innocent, in pre-London tour of Pirandello's mesterpiece on medness and reality, for and against. Henry is the Holy Roman Emperor who stood in the snow at Canossa.

Palace Theatre, Oxford Street (061 0236 Set 2.30pm, £6.50-£12.50. Until March 31.

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA: The Winter's Tale. (See Whitehaven for comment) Road (0670 614444). Fri, Sat, Mon, 7.30pm, mat Mon 1.30pm, 25.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The Last Days of Don Juan. Linus Roache in new version of El Burlado de Sevilla, Tirso de Molina's 1630 drama which first set the Don among the ladies.

Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from tomorrow 7.30pm, met Sat 1.30pm. Opens April 5, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mets Wed and Sat 1.30pm. After April 14 in repertoire. Previews £8-£14, from April 5, £9-£19.

WHITEHAVEN: The Winter's Tale. Manchester's Royal Exchange Mobile The-atre here for three days with Phyllids Lloyd's sizzling production.

SUN IN THE GREEN ROOM, Knights Bar, Holborn Viaduct, EC1 (01-699 2171). Thurs: Doors Born, show 8.30pm, £4 (£3.50 concs). Yet another new venue, opening this week in promisi Style with stand-up from Michael Redmond and Maria Callous and music from Flying Picket Gary Howard; Tim Bernington is the compere.

BISCUIT TIN COMEDY CIRCUS. The Cabbage Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham (01-751 4984). Thurs: Doors 7.30pm, show 9pm, £4 (£3 concs). Outstanding comedian Kevin Day pressnts a special solo show (stronglyrecommended) with support coming from Bernardine Corrigan, David Jacobs in the open spot and Peter Buckley as compere.

STAND UP FOR THE OVAL Jonoleurs at The Cornet, 49 Lavender Gardens, SW11 (01-780 1151). Thurs: 7.30pm, £8 (£7 concs). A top-notch line-up get together in a special benefit for Oval House - the South London Arts Centre threatened by post-ILEA financial cuts. Arthur Smith introduces Simon Fenshawe, Sweeney and Steen, Jenny Eciair, The Oblivion Boy. John Hegley and the Popticians, KJB (with Josie Literance) and Mark Thor

BEAT THE POLL TAX BLUESI, Swiss Cottage Community Centre, 19 Win-chester Road, NW3. Fri: Doors 7.30pm. show 8.30pm, £4 (£1.50 concs). Camden Labour Parties present another show with a point to make — and making it are Mark Thomas, Julie Balloo, Andy Smart (of The Vicious Boys), Doon, Tim Berrington, Ivor Dembina, with music from Dread Sounds.

RAGING BULL Boulevard Theatre Walker's Court, W7 (U1-U2-7) 1238). Sat: Doors 9.30pm, show 10pm, iker's Court, W1 (01-664 7036/434 26 (£4 concs). Two extended sets from Frank Skinner and Felix; support from Maria Cattous and the resident compare stand-up Eddie Izzard.

AZTEC COMEDY CLUB, Borderland Restaurant, 47 Westow Street, SE19 (01-771 0885). Sun: 8.30pm, £3.50 (£3 concs). Many comedians try their hand at s one-men show - only a thry handful can be said to succeed in holding attention for the duration. One such is the markedly talented Mark Steel, whose engaging stage personality and razor-sharp wit guarantees an evening of consistent interest and quality.

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READING: READING ARTS CENTRE, 21 South Street (0734 504911). Fri: 8pm, £4.50 (£3.50 concs). Mark Hurst has dropped his silly name of Mark Miwurdz without dropping an ounce of his remarkable talent; here he shares a bill with the very funny comic magician Otiz

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: OLD TOWN HALL ARTS CENTRE, High Street (0442 42827). Sat 8.30pm, £5. Mark Hurst (see above) in another long set - this time sharing the honours with the warmly ikeable comedienne Brenda Gilhooly.

LUTON: 33 ARTS CENTRE, 33-35 Guilatord Road (0582 419584), Sat 8pm, £3.50 (£2.50 concs). The People Show, renowned for the quirky, the outrageous and the totally original, have devised a special cabaret show for this venue... More than that, they're not telling, but their pedigree suggests it will be worth checking out.

Compiled by Karl Knight

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TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending: 18th March 1990

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Neighbours (Tues 13:30/17:36) 18.45m
Neighbours (Thurs 13:30/17:36) 17.40m
Neighbours (Wed 13:31/17:36) 17.30m
EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 17.25m
Neighbours (Mon 13:30/17:37) 16.89m
EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 16.67m
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1 Executioner's Song 5.18m
2 French and Saumders 5.08m
3 Food and Drink (Fues/Fr) 5.02m
4 Hortzon (Morr/Hurs) 4.77m
5 Carry on Regardless 4.12m
6 Quantum Leep 4.02m
7 Loretsi 3.84m
8 One of Oxy Spice is Missing 3.48m
8 Satunday Night Citre 3.43m
10 Land of the Eagle 3.39m

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Breakfast television: The average weakly figures for audiences at peek times (with figures in pereminents showing the reach - the number of people who wewed for at least timer minutes): BisC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.2m (7.5) TV-am: Good Morning Britain Mon to Fri 2.6m (12.7)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

ABEL: Bright Dutch comedy about family tensions from theatre talent Alex van Warmedan. ICA Cinema (01-930 3847).

A CITY OF SADNESS (15): HOU Haiao-haien's magisterial fresco of life in turbulent post-war Taiwan. Recoir (01-837 8402).

JUDGMENT IN BERLIN (PG): Deft but outdated account of a real-life East German defection, Martin Sheen, Sam Wanamaker. Cannon Tottenham Court Road

comedy with a conscience about hard-core hipples confronting the Eighties, Eric Roberts, Cheech on Marble Arch (01-723 2011).

RUDE AWAKENING (15): Uneven

STRAPLESS (15): Dave Hare's intriguing drama about love, betrayal, and political activism. Blair Brown, Bridget Fonda. Curzon West End (01-439 4805).

TANGO AND CASH (15): Preposterous thriller with Sylvests Stallone and Kurt Russell as cops out to ruin crime boss Jack

Warner West End (01-439 0791) Carmone: Haymarket (01-839 1527) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Fultam Road (01-370 2635) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324)

CURRENT

ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of A Guy Named Joe with Richard Dreyfuss as a dead pilot returning to earth. Cannons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2635) shury Avenue (01-836 8861) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324) Plaza (01-497 9999).

BLAZE (15): Paul Newman as politician Earl Long, defiantly in love with a stripper. Colourful

Warner West End (01-439 0791) BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY
 (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic
 from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Camden Parkway (01-267 7034) ons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Fulhern Road (01-370 2635) Empire (01-497 9999) Gate (01-727 4043) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

CELIA (15): Powerful Australian portrait of a rebellious child in a restrictive society. Striking debut by director Ann Turner. Cannon Tottesham Court Road (01-636 8148) Metro (01-437 0757) Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5).

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Gluseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian chema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies Curzon Maytair (01-465 8885).

CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE (12): Imaginative Scottish version of Mantred Karge's play about unemployed youths finding new

hope through fantasy. Electric (in rep) (01-792 2020). DANCIN' THRU THE DARK (15): Willy Russell's thin but comedy-musical set in a Liverpool dance hall.

Cannons: Chelses (01-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148) Warner (01-439 0791). **ODRIVING MISS DAISY (U):** Jessica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chariffeur (Morgan Freeman). Accomplished, endearing. ma (01-235 4225) Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366) Warner (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

ENCOUNTER AT RAVENTS GATE (15): Muddled science-fiction from young Australian film makers, with some decent visual effects. Prince Charles (01-437 8181).

♦ THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks

Delwoen a blonde singer (Michale Pleifter) and two cocktall planists (Jeff and Beau Bridges).

Odeons: Haymarket (01-839 7697) Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Screen 58 Baker Street (01-935 2772) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

FAMILY BUSINESS: Curate's egg comedy-drama about a family of crooks (Seen Connery, Dustin Hoffman, Matthew Broderick Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Odeon Kennington (01-602

◆ GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's impassioned salute to the black Americans who lought in the Civil War; powerful performances. Cannon Shattesbury Avenue (01-

836 8861). HENRY V (PG): War-is-hall version from Kenneth Sranagh; cinematically drab, variably acted. Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9861).

· HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U): Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special-effects romp. Cannonis: Panton Street (01-930 0631) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (15): Lorca's play about a widow and her five daughters; fine acting, but tedious cine miere (01-439 4470).

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JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): Passion Play trouble in Montreal. Obvious but elegant satire from director Denys Arcand. Renoir (01-837 8402) Premiere (01-439 4470).

◆ RENEGADES (15): Tough cop and bad boy team to rescue a secred Indian spear. Lame thriller, starring Kiefer Sutherland. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636

· SEA OF LOVE (18): Cop (A) Pacino) and murder suspect (Ellen Barkin) fall in love. Atmospheric, raunchy thriller. Cannons: Oxford Street (01-836 0310) Futham Road (01-370 2636) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-

♦ STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Female gossip and tears Down South, Overly-sentimental, though ome performers please (Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis).
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Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324). ♦ TROP BELLE POUR TOII (18): Gérard Deperdieu toys between his wife and mistress, Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Biler. Camden Plaza (01-485 2443) Chelses Cinems (01-351 3742) Lumiere (01-836 0691).

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♦ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage salf-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy. with Michael Dougles and Kathleen

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WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S (12): Rough-and-ready black comedy about yuppies trying to hide their boss's demise. Andrew McCarthy, Odeons: West End (01-930 5252) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).

♦ WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Romentic comedy with a brittle touch, Meg Ryan, Billy Crystal. Cennon Piccadilly (01-437 3561) Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Warner (01-439 0791).

IN REPERTORY

EVERYMAN (01-435 1525): Three vintage Raymond Chandler thrillers: The Big Sleep, Farewell My Lovely, Lady in the Lake. NATIONAL FILM THEATRE (01-928 35351: Clair's Les Grandes Manoeuvres; Roeg and Cammell's Performance;

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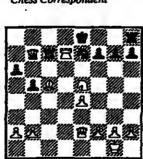
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● Sir Joho Harvey-Jooes was clearly wasted running ICI. He should have opted for television years ago, such is his effortless command of the medium. The idea behind Troubleshooter (BBC2, 9.50pm) is that he acts as a business doctor, diagnosing the problems and suggesting remedies for companies in

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Devestating charmer: business doctor Sir John Harvey-Jones (BBC2, 9.50pm) trouble. In Manchester to apply his expertise to the ailing toy firm, Tri-ang, he is charming but devastating. The company, he declares, is suffering from weak management, an inefficient factory and elapped out machinery. Sidney, the boss, a man who talks entirely in cliches, is branded as "old fashioned and autocratic." Sir John accuses him of being anti-union. "I believe in unions", says Sidney, "in other plants." Much has happened at Tri-ang since Sir John's first visit and the sceptical may feel that the real world of business is a little more complicated than this television construct, watchable though it is.

 Peru's leading novelist, Mario Vargas Llosa, is attempting to emulate a fellow writer, Vaclav Havel, and become president of his country. Nicholas Shakespeare's excellent film for Omnibus (BBC1, 10.35pm) follows him oo the campaign trail while using his excursion into politics as the peg for a wider profile. The material is rich: a series of semiautobiographical books, two wives, one an aunt and the other a cousin, 18 years of exile in Europe and a political outlook that has swung all the way from Marxism to Thatcherism. Llosa is clearly a reluctant politician but if he wins he will have the awesome job of rescuing a country oo the point of collapse.

Enthusiastically presented by Mich Jacksoo (oo relation), The Beer Hunter (Channel 4, 8.30pm) sets out to prove that beer is as interesting as wine, with as many distinctive varieties and subtleties of flavour. His exploration begins in Belgium, where he works his way through a huge meal in which every course is accompanied by a different beer. Like any wine buff he talks knowledgeably about bouquet, palate and fmish and maiotains that the beer world, too, has its burgundies and

champagnes. If Uncle Joe ever took home movies, none of them turns up oo Stalin (ITV, 10.35pm). Concluding the trilogy, this study of war and Cold War is a portrait of Stalin's Soviet Unioo rather than of the man himself, who remains clusive.

6.00 Ceefax Dando and Nicholas Whichell, includes regular news bulletins, business reports, sports aummaries, regional news, weather, travel information and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan 8.85 Regional news and weather.

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8.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air. Viewers comment on Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television programmes. To contribute ring Jayne Irvine on 061 814 0424

9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on suicide

10.00 News and weather followed by

Turnsbout (?)

10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin begins with Playday, 10.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (?)

10.35 Five to Eleven. Cary Watson reads extracts from the Gospel of Mark

11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Gioria Hunniford and Jayne Irving meet award-winning actress Julie Walters

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12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. (Includes advice on male grooming from fashion and style expert Stave Whately. Presented by Andy Craig and Judi Spiers 12.55 Regional news and 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip 1.30 Crit of Cabes with Final Hayton. Weather
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gunrunner in 1920s Damascus.
Complications set in when he falls for
Violette, played by Marta Toren.
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7.00 Holiday 90. EastEnder Ethel
(Gretchen Franklin) takes a break
from Albert Square and travels to
Ragley Hall in Warwickshire; Kathy
Tayler visits the world's highest
waterfall, Angel Falls, in Venezuela;
and David Jessel discovers a
cheap way of taking the family to
Venice. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
8.00 To the Manor Born, Audrey
(Penelope Keith) complains to
Richard (Peter Bowles) about his
use of the estate as a base for his
multinational grocery business (r).

(Ceefax)
(Ceefax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn
Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Follow Your Nose: Lenny Henry in

Pollow Your Nose: Lenny Heary in Uganda. The first of a series of five daily reports explaining how money raised by last year's Red Nose Day was spent. Today, Lenny Henry visits Gulu in north Uganda, which has suffered a long series of climatic disasters but now, thanks to Comic Rellef, a development project is improving the situation, providing a more hopeful futura for its inhabitants. hopeful futura for its inhabitants.

(Coefax) of Debbie Horsfield's bolsterous, hard edged drama, Donna, constantly bombarded by demands from her young daughter, realizes that motherhood is not as she axpected. (Ceefax)

10.35 Omnibus: The Story of the Novellst Who Would Be President.

11.35 Film 90 with Barry Norman. A special report on last night's Oscar ceremony from Tom Brook, where British hopes lay with Pauline Collins's Shirley Valentine, Daniel Day Lewis's My Lett Foot and Kenneth Branagh's Henry V

12.05em International Cricket. Highlights of the fourth day's play in the third Test between West Indies and England in Port of Spain, introduced by Tony Lewis 12.35 Weather

(ITV/LONDON)

6.00 TV-are begins with News and Good Morning Britain, presented by Linda Mitchell and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly, Includes coverage of the Oscar awards ceremony from Hollywood with Robert Osborne. 8.00 After Nine. With fashion expert Merrill Thomas on spring and summer fashions

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9.25 The Pyramid Game. Ouiz show
hosted by Steve Jones 9.56
Thames News and weather 16.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical

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10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes financial advice, needlecraft ideas and David Bellamy exploring heathland and hedgerows. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy (f) 12.30 Home and Away 1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Themee News and weather 1.30 Sents Barbara 2.00 TV Weeldy. Anne Diamond takes a weeldy look behind the scenes of ITV's popular programmes 2.30 Take the High Road. Four months on and inverdarroch is coming to terms with the results of his actions 3.00 Sounds Like Music. Planist Bobby Crush introduces a second series of the quiz show in which three contestants test their knowledge of stage and film music 3.25 Thamea News and weather 3.30 The Young Doctors 4.00 Oh! Mr Toed, A new 13-part animated series by Mark Hall and Brian Cosgrove, based on Kenneth Grahame's classic novel Wind in the Willows. (Oracle) 4.20 Phoenix Hall. Episode one of a 13-part drams series set in a state boarding school 4.50 Scooby Doo

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5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge
quiz game for teenagers presented
by Bob Holness
5.40 News with Nicholas Owen.
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6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
followed by Crimestoppers
6.50 Thames Help. The first of three
programmes on mental handicap
7.00 Emmerdete. (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports on the crisis in
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8.30 After Henry. Gentle comedy starring Prunella Scales as a widow with an intrusive mother and headstrong teenage daughter. With Joan Sanderson and Janine Wood

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S.00 Chancer: Trust. Another crisis for
the aggressive Crane when merchant
banker James Blake Informs
Robert Douglas that Crane was
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18.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet
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11.35 News Swap, Sarah Dunant in
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Moscow use the warming political climate and the latest satelline technology to exchange clips from the news bulleters of each country and to discuss the week's 12.05am Film: The Horior of

Frankenstein (1970) starring Ralph Bates, Kate O'Mara, Grahum James and Veronica Carlson. Fradmonal material re-worked as black comedy is this final splutter from the Hammer horror factory.
Directed by Jimmy Sangster
2.00 Affred Hitchcock Presents: Man from the South. In Las Vegas an old

man and his younger friend strike an unusual ber. Starring John Huston, Kim Novak and Tippi Hedren (r). Followed by News 2.30 Donatus plays host to members of the cast of St Elsewhere, the comedy drama soap set in a Boston hospital

3.30 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club quiz teams compete in this competition hosted by Ross King

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George Stavens
7.20 Young Musician of the Year. The
Wind semifinet
6.00 Open Space: An Education in
Fear. Most children can cope with
school but a few simply cannot.
Former teacher Patricia Knox does
not think they are truants, skiving
or lazy, and explains why she thinks
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8.30 Top Gear. A new series begins with a look at Louise Atten-Walker'a bid to win the Ladies World Rally Championship; William Woollard goes to a school in Faverges to see how French schoolchildren study for their diploma in road safety; and Sue Baker and Chris Goffey are in Geneva for the first major international motor show of the year \$.00 Cuantum Leap. Time-trapped physicist Sam Beckett finds himself back in 1961 as a 17-year-old Californian

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9.50 Troubleshooter (see Choice)

10.30 Newsnight

11.15 The Late Show includes a companson between Gothic cathedrals and comtemporary office buildings 11.55 Weather

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Shaw Taylor looks at what the effects will be on home help services when they are privatized. (Oracle)

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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00cm The Shopping Channel

All films will be scrambled
2.00cm Dream Date (1988): An overprotective father follows his daughter on a

4.00 Scooby Doo and the Reluctant
Werewolf: The dog meets Dracule
6.00 The Ryan White Story (1988): True
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EUROSPORT

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RADIO 3

6.35em Open University (FM only)

6.58 Weather and News
Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi
(Concerto in D minor:
Drottningholm Baroque
Ensemble, with Monics Huggett and Jakob Lindberg); Rossini (Sonata a quattro No 2 in A, for strings: Accardo, Gazeau, Meunier and Petracchi)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Biber (Sonata No 1: Parley of Instruments); Weber (Invitation to the Dance: Barlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Von Orchestra tatel voll Karajan); Brahms (Hungarian Dances, Book 4: Labeque sisters, plano duel); Janaček (Taras Bulba: Phiharmonia under Stmon flattle)

s.39 News
a.35 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Season.
Dieupart (Suites: No 1 in A;
No 4 in E mmor: John Toll,
harpsichord, Ingrid Seifert,
voolin Charles Mediam,

violin Charles Mediam, bass-viol)

10.08 The Swan Abroad: Berlioz (Overture, Beatince and Benedict: SNO under Alexander Gloson);

Tchalkovsky, compl. Taneyev (Do You Not Hear the Nightingale?: SNO under Jarvi, with Suzanne Murphy, sporano, Keith Lewis, tenor).

Jarvi, with Suzanne Murphy, soprano, Keith Lewis, tenor) 18.39 Shura Cherkassky: The planist performs Mozart (Sonatine; K 333); Rawel (Sonatine; Copland, srr Bernstein (El salon Mexico); Balakirav (Islamey) (r) 11.30 SSC Philharmonic under Edward Downes, with Christian Tetziaff, violin, performs Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Schoenberg (Violin Concerno); (Violin Concerno): Branms/Schoenberg (Plano Ouartet in G)

1.00pm NewS 1.06 Chopin: Colin Carr, cello, and Julian Jacobson, plano, play Chopin's complete cello and plano works (r) 2.00 Canadians (FM chay from Cangosers (Fire true)
3.00: Musicains and
composers of Canada.
Ramasu (Les Sauvages:
Kenneth Gibert,
harpschord); Bach (French
Suite No 2 in C minor: Glenn
Child Canada. Suite No 2 et Change Count Gould, panol; Paganini (Mous perpetus, Op 11: Katheen Parlow, violan, with panist); Brahms (Zigeunerleder, Op 103: Maureen Forrester, alto, John Newmark, pano); Ernest Macmillan (Three Songs of the West Coast:

Jon Vickers, tenor, Richard Woltach, piano); Harry Somers (Fantasia: Montreal SO under Mehrat); Michael Longtin (Fedhibō for voice and synthesiser). With Giles Vigneaut, Canadian Brass and the Ensemble Nouvelle-France, Includes traditional music from Berfin Island, the Incrumes and Assinbologe.

the Iroquois and Assinboin Indians, and British and Franch settlers (r) 3.00-10.30 Test Match Special (MW only): West Indies v England. Commentary on the fourth day of the third Test 3.20 Dvořák (FM only): Saint

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3.20 Dvořák (FMI only): Saint
Louis Symphony Orchestra
under Waiter Susskind, with
Rudolf Firkusny, piano,
perform Piano Concerto in
G minor, Op 33)
4.00 Swedish Shekespears (FMI
only): Scandinavian Season.
BBC Singers under John
Hugh Thomas, with John
Alley, plano, perform Sven
Enc Johanson (Fancies);
Bengt Hallberg (Sonnets to
Sundry Notes)
4.35 Smetana Cuartet (FMI only)
performs Janaček (String
Cuartet No 1 "Kreutzer
Sonate"); Dvořák (String
Cuartet No 1 "Kreutzer
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Paul Bailey
7.30 Dedipus (FM only): Austrian
Radio Chorus; Arnold
Schoenberg Choir; Austrian
RSO under Erwin Guido
Ormer perform Wolfgang
Rithm's one-act opera
(1986/7) of the Dedipus
legend, drawn on fasts by
Hölderlin, Nietzscha and
Heimer Müller. Sung in
German

Heme: Programme Second Monastery

8.20 A Viennese Pot-Pourit (PM only): Lisa Beznosiuk, flute, Nigel North, guitar, perform M. Guitarik (Gran duello concertante, Op 52); Schubert, err Diabelli (Watzes, Op 9); Beethoven, err Diabelli (Pot Pourit)

8.86 Drama Now (FM only until soft). 2015 Super Fat Du lisck 10.30): Sweet Fat, by Jack Kenthy and Peter King. A great man of lazz from the 1950s is remembered by

three people. (r) ;586 Chacel Choice)
11.00 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Season.
Stenhammar (f)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 8.65em Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, inct 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.56, 7.35 Weather 8.38 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411. With a discussion on the Church of England
10.00 News: Medicine Now: With Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: The Dragon Stayer, by Nora Windridge
10.45 Daily Service
11.00 News: Citizens
11.25 From Our Own
Correspondent

11.25 From Our Own
Correspondent
11.50 English Now: David Crystal
on the English language
today. Plus his pick of
competition winners
12.00 News, You and Yours: With

12.00 News; You and Yours: Wit John Waire
12.25pm Biandings: Heavy Weather, by P.G. Wodehouse, Cheque Books at the Ready, With ian Carmichael as the Honorable Gaishad Threepwood; Richard Vernon as Lord Emsworth; Mor Lesile a Sue Brown; Charles Collinowood as. Charles Collingwood as Ronne Fish and John Rapley as Beach. Adapted by Richard Usborne and narrated by Moray Watson (final part) (5) (7) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One: With James Naugmie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 1.40 The Archer's (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Includes a discussion with
the charman of Traidcraft,
Granam Young, on the
goods sold by chanty shops
and catalogues and whether
they are ethically sound;
plus leatures on crimenovelest Agatha Christie; the
increasing use of Shire
horses on farms; and
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comessed human computer who will be performing mathematical leasts of mental antitinetic live in the 3.60 News; Therry Minute Theatre: Night and Day (s) (see Choice) 3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Peter Kemp : John Georgiadis on the

4.00 News
4.05 in Business: Presented by
Carol Leonard
4.30 Kalendoscope (s) (r)
6.00 PM: With Libby Fawbert and
Hugh Syles 5.50 Shipping
Forecast 5.56 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

8.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

8.30 Smiley's People: Seven part dramatization of John le Carré's novel. George Smiley is plotting the end of a 'journey' that should pay dividends. With Bernard Hepton as Smiley; Charles Kay as Toby Esterhase; Christopher Rozycki as Grigorley and Douglas Grigoriev and Douglas Blackwell as Peter Guillam

(final part) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Robin Lustig
reports on the commercial
future of Britain's coal
lediestry industry 8.00 Science Now: With Alun Lewis (r)
9.30 Taking on the Cross: Six talks for Lent. Part 4: The Mocking and the Scourging. Dr Manetts Higgs reflects on the experience of public humiliation.

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8.45 in Touch: Magazine for the
visually handicapped, today
answering queries on the
community charge

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes s
feature on the profitability or
otherwise of literary otherwise of literary onawise of near ay magazines; plus reviews of David Hare's new film, Strapless, about a woman coming to terms with love and death, and a new

and death, and a new recording of Chopin Preludes by Czech pianist ivo Pogerich (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: A Border Station, wraten and read by Shane Consughton (2 of 6) (s)

11.00 The Radio Programme: Laune Taylor with news and wews of radio (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.30mm News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Simpong Forecast

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11.00am-12.00 For Schools
1,55pm Listening Corner (s)
2.05-3.00 For Schools 5.50-5.55
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle There's nothing wrong with Sweet Fat as the choice of title

for Jack Kenny's and Peter King's play (Radio 3, 9.55pm) - Duke Ellington once used the words to describe the sense of freedom jazz can bring, and the play is, after all, about a



Julie T. Wallace: a beefy rola for the actress (R4, 3.00pm)

jazz saxophonist - but, spoken ironically, Sweet Fat would have been an even better title for Alison Thirkell's sad Thirty Minute Theatre play than Night and Day (Radio 4, 3.00pm). This is about an actress who makes a good, though humiliating. living from playing roly-poly women in television com-edies. It is a beefy role, if you take that to mean a part an actress can really get her teeth into - which is what I intend it to mean. It seems neither here nor there - but it is impossible totally to ignore the fact - that Julie T. Wallace whn plays the outsized actress is the same Julie T. Wallace who made a considerable impact oo television as the hefty avenger in Fay Weldoo's The Life and Loves of a She-Devil. As for Sweet Fat, it asks pertinently: what good is it having gemiuses if there is oo-ooe to

appreciate them?

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Employment Affairs Correspondent

THE LEFT yesterday streng-thened its cootrol of Britain's biggest union in spite of allegations that its supporters had been involved in a ballotrigging scandal which has led to an investigation by the Serious Crime Squad.

Yesterday's result, in the rerun elections for the national executive committee of the Transport and General Workers' Union, confirmed that the union is still in the hands of a controlling body which is opposed to Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, on a number of fundamental ssues, particularly defence.

The vote increased the left's domination on the executive from 21-18 to 22-17, causing some Labour MPs to indicate that the result was a warning to Mr Kinnock, himself a TGWU member, that he should not stray too far from the path of "socialism".

The union commands a huge block vote at the Labour Party conference and yesterday's result suggests that Mr Kinnock is still confronted with difficulties in dealing with organized labour.

Mr Erie Heffer, MP for Walton and a former Labour Party chairman, said: "1 am delighted with the results of the ballot.

"It clearly means that the rank and file of that trade union have come to the conclusion that what we need is the ending of all anti-trade union legislation by the future Labour government and that workers must have the same rights - indeed increased rights - as they had before."

He added: "Therefore this is a sign to the leadership of the Labour Party that they should now abandon any idea of continuing to support any of the anti-trade union legislation which the Conservatives have brought in.'

The re-run ballot, which cost the union more than £250,000, was ordered by Mr Ron Todd, union general secretary, when evidence emerged that thousands of stolen election papers had lished yesterday in Die Spie-been cast in marginal seats in gel, the weekly news maga-

has been conducted within the scrupulous requirements of both the union and the Elec-

He added: "It is fair to remark that the outcome of and the Chancellor's swift the ballot announced today rejoinder show that they each broadly reflects the trends in fail to understand the other's the first ballot before I suspended it."

The turn out was estimated to be about 20 per cent of the



A 41-gun salute was fired yesterday to mark the birth of the new princess born to the Duke and Duchess of York on Friday. The salute was fired by the Honourable Artillery Company at the Tower of Loudon and by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery in Hyde Park at 1pm

Kohl rebukes Thatcher on Polish border issue

From Ian Murray and Girard Steichen, Bonn

HERR Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, is complaining that he has been misquoted by Mrs Thatcher on the subject of Poland's western frontier.

He let his displeasure be known yesterday through Herr Hans Klein, the Government's spokesman, who also said that Britain's Prime Minister had made "an extraordinary and unwarranted" criticism of West Germany's Constitutional Court".

retort by an interview with resolved. Mrs Thatcher which was pubfavour of left-wing candidates.

Mr Todd said yesterday: "I advance of the Anglo-German summit in London next

A source close to Mrs Thatcher made no attempt toral Reform Society, who have also acted as scrutineers." last night to defuse the tension. "We will not react to reaction," the source said.

Mrs Thatcher's interview position.

According to the interview, which was checked by Downing Street before it appeared, Mrs Thatcher became convey his meaning. concerned about the Chan-

cellor's position on the Polish frontier in the course of an after-dinner chat with him at the European summit in Strasbourg last December.

She told the news magazine: "I heard Helmut say: 'I can guarantee nothing. I don't reeognize the present borders'."

She added that she knew that Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, felt differently Constitutional Court". about the issue, and the The Chancellor was stung to position had therefore to he

This part of the interview, which was released in advance, was picked up by other West German papers yesterday and was used to justify legal guarantees about the stories that, in the words of border as those which had Frankfurter Rundschau: already been established between West Germany and terday and was used to justify Kohl."

In the circumstances, Herr Klein was instructed to react conference.

in Strasbourg, Herr Klein said, pressed by world opinion to no such thing had been said. introduce the resolution about Mrs Thatcher's quote was it into the Bundestag, and Mrs wrong. Not only had the Thatcher seeking to explain to Chancellor never said the a German audience why she words, but they did not even

A second passage

interview had also caused offence, he said. In this Mrs Thatcher had said that the West German Constitutional Court had overturned earlier assurances which had been given about the border.

This "extraordinary and unwarranted" criticism of the highest court of a democratic country, Herr Klein said, was unjustified.

The court had not overturned any treaty obligation. It had merely ruled that a special assurance on the border did not have any legal validity.

Now, however, Herr Klein explained, a process had been started whereby a united Germany would give the same Poland.

Yesterday's sharp exchange underlines how the question at the usual government press of the Polish border still rankles, with the Chancellor During the confidential chat unhappy about the way he was was seeking to slow down the process of German reuni-

Treasury accused over library

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE TREASURY has been ceeds, leaving the Library accused of reneging over an agreement to help the British Library with the imminent £10 million relocation of some of its services to Yorkshire, and of "turning turtle" on an unusual decision to let proceeds from a property sale he

Last summer, the British Library Board had been told by the Treasury that it could use the proceeds of the sale of its Store Street building in Bloomsbury, London, to fund the relocation programme. The hulding is expected to be sold for between £8 million and £10 million.

But it emerged last night that in December the board was told that it would only he able to use half of the pro-

was no explanation and no reasons were given," said Mr Kenneth Cooper, chief executive of the British Library.

He said: "They have turned turtle on us and it has made a real bundle of our planning. "Secondly, it means that we

have got to use the extra £3 million the Minister for the Arts got for us in the Autumn Statement which was earmarked to repair our acquisitions programme, and bringing our preservation which includes conservation of books up to date." Another £2 million is hav-

ing to come from savines made in shedding leases.

Political sketch

Putting energy into electricity

(Dumbarton) reminded us yesterday, had been Mrs Thatcher's persistent theme. Now that electricity prices were to rise, what had "the female lead singer of the Mid Staffordshire Blues Band to say about that?

As it happened, she was not there. One of her back-room boys, the band's chief lighting technician, John Wakeham (Energy Secretary), was at the Dispatch Box to talk about electricity. A capable hut selfeffacing chap, he decided to ignore "the Hon gentleman's amusing little joke" and stick to things he knew and loved. like "retro-fitting de-sulphurization equipment".

Everyone, yesterday, seemed to be cleaving to the familiar. The ambit - energy policy - was huge, and the politically naive might have thought this a time to talk about the future of the planet for was the MPs' "Amen" not still ecboing from the prayer in which their chaplain had just led them: "...loying aside all private interests. prejudices, and partial affec-Some hope! The Liberals'

Ronnie Fearn (Southport) had asked about Greenpeace, setting the stage (you might have thought) for a principled discussion about pollution. Enter (stage-left) Labour's spokesman, Kevin Barron, with a complaint about lowsulphur coal imports. Yes, a complaint: reductions in sulphur emissions were best not achieved by imports; hut by mining and burning British coal with a higher sulphur content, which could then be artificially removed. Barron is sponsored by the NUM.

Waiting in the wings (stageright) was Jonathan Aitken (C, Thanet South). "There is a one-in-20 chance of a major incident at a French nuclear power station, 14 of which are within 30 miles of the English coast." He is chairman of a group of Tory Euro-critics called the European Conservative Reform Group.

Labour's Alex Eadie (Midlothian) had asked junior minister Tony Baldry how much electricity we were importing from France. It was "foolish" be told Baldry, "to depend on energy sup-plies from a foreign source" when an uprated power link

"BEARING down on infla-tion" Labour's John McFall - ves, you guessed - "three million tons coal-equivalent of electricity". Mr Eadle is sponsored by the NUM.

The Official Uniquists James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley) stopped short of remarking that electricity from France was Popish electricity, and confined him. self to advocating a power link with (Protestaon

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As the session proceeder the impression grew of a topsy-turvy TV show in which the commercial breaks had overwhelmed the primary output and disinterested debate had come to represent a rare and awkward intrusion.

Such an intrusion was pro-vided by the Tories' Peter Rost (Erewash). Rost is a dry informed, reasonable sort of fellow, so you have probably never heard of him. Low-key he remarked that "incentives" to conserve gas mean that if you consume 22,000 therms then it will pay you to burn off 3.000 into thin air, to trigger the bulk discount available at 25,000 therms. The Mioister (Peter Morrison) murmured embanassedly that Rost had a point.

And then came Toby Jessel (C. Twickenham). The Ques-tion (from Rost) had been about gas tariffs; hut Jessel wanted to ask about culture most notably to congratulate British Gas on its sponsorship for the arts. Mr Jessel is an able chorister: Mrs Eira Jessel a distinguished professional singer. It is not your sketchwriter's

contention that Mr Jessel should be gagged on arts matters: his parliamentary advocacy in this field is informed, and valuable. Nor do I suggest that Kevin Barron (who has never hidden his NUM connections) does not have a contribution to make to Labour's Green perspectives.

It is simply that if once one were to look in on the Commons and chance to hear Tohy Jessel in passionate oration on the sufferings of redundant mineworkers, or Kevin Barron waxing lyrical on the National Ballet's latest production - well, wouldn't it make a refreshing change? You might even listen to

Matthew Parris

Bishop of Oxford disowns Runcie succession

Continued from page 1

they would welcome or not welcome any challenge. You have to acknowledge when you are ordained in the church that to you and say: Is that what you think God is asking you to do?"

Bishop Harries announced that be intends bringing a legal action against the Church Commissioners, claiming they give insufficient attention to Christian

spread across the rest of Scotland. Clearer, showery conditions will reach Northern Ireland and the extreme west of Scotland by evening. Western England and Wales will start dry but cloud and rain will arrive later. The rest of England and Wales will be dry with some sun. Central and northeastern England may see some rain later. Outlook: Showery.

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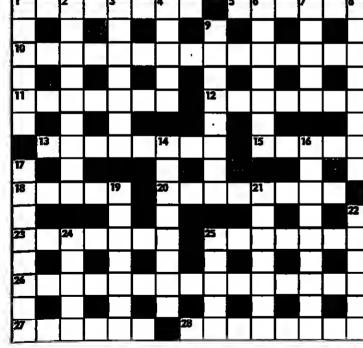
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ethical values in their investment policy. The commissioners based their policy on legal advice that financial return had to be the paramount consideration and to rule that that is a wrong interpretation of the law.

Sir Douglas Lovelock, First Church Estates Commissioner, later maintained there was no such thing and regretted that the church was taking its internal • Dr Eames was Ladbrokes' 2-1 fayour-

ite yesterday. The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford is 5-2 second favourite; the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, is 6-1; the Right Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans, and the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, 8-1; and Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, is put at

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,252



ACROSS

- 1 A twopenny increase for rate (8). 5 Predicament I am found in throughout (6).
- 16 Aloof manner in attitude of school head (15). 11 Herb's private article (7). 12 Catch returning ringleader and
- accomplice (7). 13 MP, doctor, and poet, say (8). 15 Join the old folk in the country
- 18 Run a serious sort of theatre (5). 20 To try the patience of saints is gratuitous (8).
- 23 Jill fetching water to glass (7).
- 25 Confection of plainer sort (7).
- 26 Lacking rank, however (15).
- 27 Damage in a mooring area (6).
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- 28 One element or another returned with information (8).
- 1 Set apart old coin to subscribe
- 2 Clear air as part of the service
- 3 Speech from Downing Street, say (7).
- 4 Muslim divinity student fre-quently encountered in S Africa 6 Hothead, io wrong situation,
- butts in here? (7). 7 Writer with large capacity for drink (5).
- 8 For example, when I appeared instead of a note with a dash (8). 9 To Micawber's credit, it was enough for a year's happiness (8).
- 14 We have one, as a rule (8). 16 Maiden's providing cause for
- concern (9). 17 Metal in a lump, possibly (8). 19 Not like novel he wrote (7).
- 2t Pupil given pound for work? (7). 22 Northern port accessible in
- 24 Make fast time in this? (5). 25 Artistic infants set it up (5).
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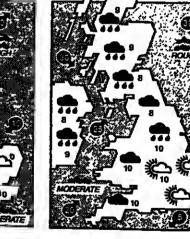
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Brent rises to £12.9m

BRENT CHEMICALS' pretax profits rose by 15 per cent to £12.9 million in the year to December. Turnover rose by Il per cent to £87.4 million

and earnings per share by 2 per cent to 13.1 p.

After a total gain from disposals of £17.5 million, Brent now has net cash of £29 million. The final dividend goes up by 0.65p to 5.4p, leaving the total 13 per cent higher at 6.8p.

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TT surges

TT GROUP, managed by a former Hanson acquisitions manager, Mr John Newman, reports pre-tax profits of £8.42 milion for the year ended December compared with £3.58 million previously, Turnover rose from £28 million to £60.9 million. A final dividend of 2.5p (2p) makes 4p (3p) for the year.

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Gold closed in London at \$367.75 an ounce for a \$21.50 fall on the day and at its lowest level since October. The shake-out knocked platioum by

conversion into sterling.

\$13.25 to \$482.75 an ounce, though silver showed some resilience and closed

By Colin Campbell Mining Correspondent

THE LONDON gold price crashed on

world markets yesterday, falling at nne point by \$26.75 to \$362.50 an ounce in a

day which left precious metals dealers and investors shell-shocked.

Selling of gold was triggered in the Far

East and compounded by reported Saudi Arabian and other Middle East bank

selling of an initial I million ounces, and

later a further 2 million ounces of gold.

Middle East investors were said to be moving into sterling and would have

generated up to \$1 billioo for immediate

Shine taken off the gold price a modest II cents down at \$4.96 an

Middle East investors poised to move into sterling

Far East markets were already nervnus ahead of Saturday's end of the Japanese fiscal year. The gold market was further undermined by commission house liquidation in the wake the Tokyo Stock Exchange shake-out. Private investors were selling gold to cover equity port-folio setbacks.

The selling wave spread fast across Europe as Middle East sell orders were executed in Zurich, London, Frankfurt, and later New York. The US market opened one hour later yesterday because of British summer time, which left a market void. lo later New York trading, gold edged up to \$368.50 an nunce.

However, investors were said to be "shell shooked" at the size and severity of a one-day fall oot seen in bullion markets for some time. The shake-out is likely to frighten investors off-stage.

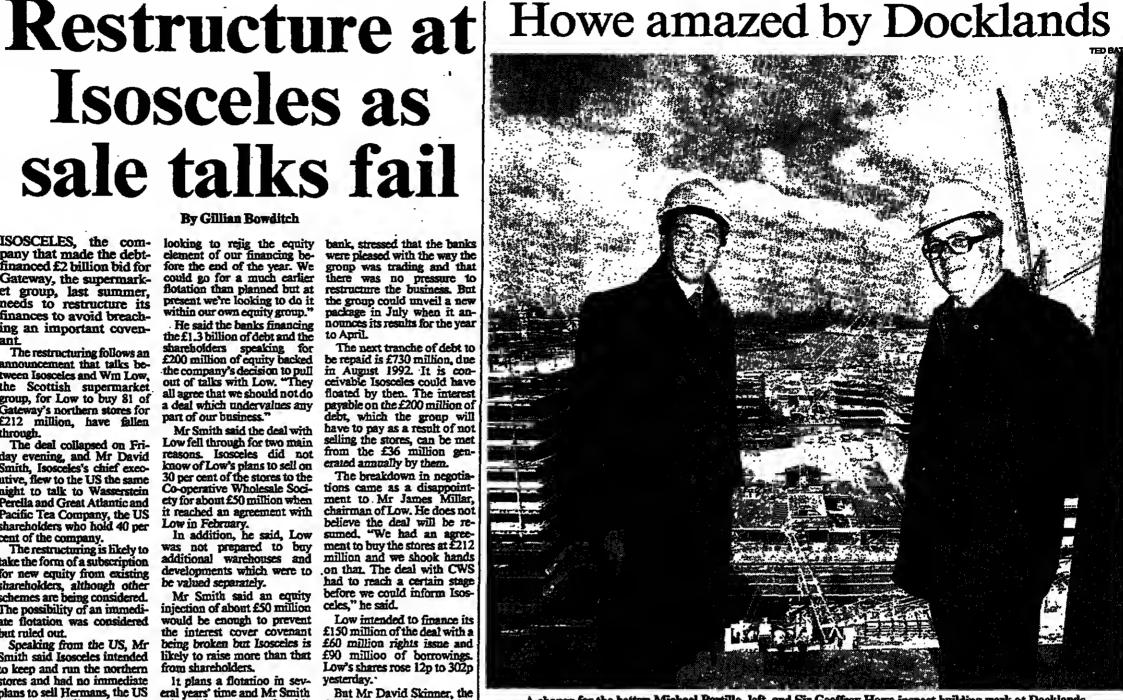
They had begun to think gold had found bottom around \$400 and was poised to move steadily up to the \$450 level.

Gold's weakness led to hectic volume trading on Chimex as speculators un-wound positions. Comex last night raised its margin requirements for speculative dealing in gold from \$1,700 per contract to \$2,100, effective today. . Swiss bankers last night indicated that German and Italian jewellery fabricators might be prepared to turn buyers of gold

at current levels, although chartists are divided as to whether gold has further to fall. The testing area will be \$355 level last seen in September, 1989.

James Capel, the broker, said it was to launch a new closed-end investment trust specifically to invest in gold shares and bullion. Capel aims for a fund with an asset backing of £100 million to make it a "proxy" for the now taken-over Consolidated Gold Fields group.

Howe amazed by Docklands



A change for the better: Michael Portillo, left, and Sir Geoffrey Howe inspect building work at Docklands

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister, went to Canary Wharf to see for himself how the development of London's Docklands is progressing.

Sir Geoffrey toured the Isle of Dogs Enterprise Zone with Mr Michael Portillo, Minister of State for Transport, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the

He said he was amazed at the transformation of Docklands.

"When I announced the Enterprise Zone scheme in 1980, the Isle of Dogs was a scene of dereliction. Today, the contrast is almost beyond belief." He was sure the whole of Docklands

would be a success. "The Enterprise Zone proved to be a

crucial spark plug for that regeneration. It attracted capital, resources and talent, unlocking an imagination and vitality which had long deserted the empty piers of the West India and Millwall Docks.

"That economic renaissance has brought new jobs, oew homes and new opportunities for improving the local environment."

announcement of Enterprise Zones,

By John Bell, City Editor

ISOSCELES, the com-

pany that made the debt-

financed £2 billion bid for Gateway, the supermark-

et group, last summer, needs to restructure its finances to avoid breach-

ing an important coven-

The restructuring follows an announcement that talks be-

tween Isosceles and Wm Low,

the Scottish supermarket

group, for Low to buy 81 of

Gateway's northern stores for £212 million, have fallen

The deal collapsed on Fri-day evening, and Mr David Smith, Isosceles's chief exco-

utive, flew to the US the same

night to talk to Wasserstein

Perella and Great Atlantic and

Pacific Tea Company, the US shareholders who hold 40 per

The restructuring is likely to

take the form of a subscription

for new equity from existing

shareholders, although other

schemes are being considered.

The possibility of an immedi-

ate flotation was considered

Speaking from the US, Mr Smith said Isosceles intended

to keep and run the northern stores and had no immediate

plans to sell Hermans, the US

This means Isosceles is

about £300 million bigger than

had been assumed under the

original financing plans and

the covenant on interest cover

is in danger of being broken.

sportswear retailer.

cent of the company.

but ruled out.

through.

BROWN&JACKSON, which bought Poundstretcher the discouot retailer from ing a further 53 outlets from the troubled furniture chain.

The deal was disclosed along with a sharp increase in profits mainly due to the Poundstretcher acquisition. which cost £72 million. Pretax profits rose 320 per cent to £9.5 million, comfortably above analysts forecasts.

Mr Bryan Duffy, Brown & Jackson's chairman, said that the increase "exceeded our growth showed the potential shares at 58p, compared with

to make it "one of the outstanding retail success stories 61.5p, unchanged on the day,
of the 90s."

and 11 million convertible

Isosceles as

sale talks fail

By Gillian Bowditch

He said the banks financing the £1.3 billion of debt and the shareholders speaking for £200 million of equity backed the company's decision to pull out of the balls with Low. They

out of talks with Low. "They

all agree that we should not do a deal which undervalues any part of our business."

Low fell through for two main

reasons. Isosceles did not know of Low's plans to sell on 30 per cent of the stores to the Co-operative Wholesale Soci-

ety for about £50 million when

it reached an agreement with

Low in February. In addition, he said, Low

was not prepared to buy

additional warehouses and

developments which were to

Mr Smith said an equity

injection of about £50 million

would be enough to prevent

the interest cover covenant

being broken but Isosceles is

likely to raise more than that

It plans a flotation in several years' time and Mr Smith

said raising more equity this

year would be a stepping stone in that direction. It would

mean that the group would be

able to float at a more manage-

in danger of being broken. A spokesman for SG War- stores separate to the deal it Mr Smith said: "We are burg, Isosceles's merchant was pursuing with Low.

be valued separately.

from shareholders.

Mr Smith said the deal with

looking to reig the equity bank, stressed that the banks element of our financing be-

The next tranche of debt to

be repaid is £730 million, due in August 1992. It is con-ceivable Isosceles could have

floated by then. The interest payable on the £200 million of debt, which the group will have to pay as a result of not

selling the stores, can be met from the £36 million gen-

tions came as a disappoint-

ment to Mr James Millar,

chairman of Low. He does not

believe the deal will be re-

sumed, "We had an agree-

ment to buy the stores at £212

million and we shook hands

on that. The deal with CWS

had to reach a certain stage before we could inform Isos-

Low intended to finance its

£150 million of the deal with a

£60 million rights issue and

Low's shares rose 12p to 302p

£90 million of borrowings.

But Mr David Skinner, the CWS's deputy chief executive

retail and services, says he is

hopeful an agreement may

negotiating to buy around half

a dozen of Gateway's super-

eventually be reached. CWS is

celes," he said.

yesterday.

erated annually by them. The breakdown in negotia-

making a £32 million placing of ordinary shares and convertible preference stock. The Poundstretcher sales were months of the current year with like-for-like sales growth

of 12 per cent, he said. most optimistic expecta- form of a conditional placing 200 per cent to 1.7p per share. tions." Pouodstretcher's of 36.8 million ordinary The fund raising takes the

The leasehold properties are preference shares of £1 at par. to cost £1.6 million, but B&I is The issue has been under-

ties and UBS Phillips & Drew. Existing shareholders can extra cash will be used to in- subscribe on the basis of one vest in the new outlets, which oew ordinary share for three will increase selling space by existing shares and one pref-31 per cent, to reduce borrow- erence share for 10 currently ings and to buy further outlets. owned. Lowndes Oneensway is not taking up its rights but 30 per cent ahead in the first 2 will vote in favour of the deal.

Earnings per share chimbed more than 70 per cent to 7.22p, or 6.79p fully diluted. Total dividend rose more than

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Dutch banks seek merger

By Neil Bennett

HOLLAND'S two largest banks, Amsterdam-Rotterdam and Algemene Bank Nederland, are negotiating a £3 billion merger which would create Europe's seventh largest bank.

The banks stunned the Dutch financial markets yesterday by announcing they were "investigating the possibilities of a full co-operation." They then suspended their shares.

A merged bank would have total assets of Dil352 billion

(£114 billion). This would aims of a merger. Mr Robert make it the sixth larges continental Europe, and the said: "A merger would put us 20th in the world, similar in among the top banks and size to Crédit Lyonnaise in allow us to expand rapidly." France but still smaller than Barclays or National Westminster Bank. In 1989 the banks had combined net profits of £470 million, and are valued at £3.07 billion on the

Amsterdam stock exchange. msterdam stock exchange. ing analyst for Barclays de Mr Ono Ruding, Holland's Zoete Wedd in Amsterdam, former finance minister, has been named as a possible candidate to run the bank.

would be one of the prime porate operations.

JOHL ABN'S CHAIRMA

merger to achieve our aims. Partial co-operation would not be enough.' Mr Andre Mulder, a bank-

Mr Roelof Nelissen, Amro's

welcomed the merger, saying it would combine ABN's international banking pres-International expansion ence with Amro's strong cor-

Pound up on demand from Middle East

THE POUND recovered sharply on strong commercial buying from the Middle East, closing up 0.7 in terms of the chairman, said: "We need a Bank of England's effective rate index at 86.8.

Shares strengthened with the currency helping the FT-SE 100 up 14.3 at 2,298.2. Interest rates eased in the money market as sterling firmed and the three-month interbank rate finished 416 lower at about 15% per cent.

Markets, page 26

SHARE dealings in Londoo United Investments, where Prince Michael of Kent is a director, were suspended yesterday after the Department of Trade ordered the Walbrook Insurance subsidiary to stop

trading. The company was forced to cease its insurance business after an actuarial report ex-"financial uncertainties" in the company. At the suspension price of 30p a share LUI was worth just £17.4 million on stock market,

against the October 1987 all-time high of 333p a share. LUI also agreed to stop paying claims from six of its other subsidiaries, and asked the Stock Exchange to stop dealings in its shares.

The decision to stop the company underwriting was taken at an emergency board meeting on Sunday. Prince Michael, the Queen's cousin, was present.

Last Thurday, the DTI re-ceived a preliminary report on subsidiaries, would be forced the company from Till- drastically to scale down its ingbasts, the consultant own business to protect its actuary.

This showed that some of LUI's underwriting subsid- HS Weavers, LUI's underiaries might not have enough money to meet future claims. If this happens, Walbrook,



Prince Michael: director

capital. Walbrook underwrites 55 per cent of risks taken on by

writing agent. The full review is due in two weeks, when the DTI will decide the company's future. LUI specializes in "longtail" US liability insurance, as well as medical- and legalmalpractice insurance. Last year it had premium income of £123 million. It insures a

large number of the US Fortune 500 companies. In the past two years it has experienced an unprecedented surge in claims from asbestosis and environmental damage. The rate of claims accelerated further in the last three months of 1989. Now Lloyd's underwriters believe the company will need a cash

injection to meet its liabilities.

News of the suspension stunned the London insurance market. Almost all major brokers use Weavers for much of their US liability insurance. Last year, however, Alexan-

der & Alexander and Marsh & McLennan, the two large US brokers, said they would no longer do business with Weavers unless their clients asked them, due to the company's high exposure to future

Some Lloyd's underwriters which used Weavers to reinsure, or spread the risk, on US liability policies could stand to lose millions if Walbrook becomes unable to meet claims. One report suggested that the consortium with the highest exposure planned to make an offer for

Weavers if LUI collapses. "The company is very keen to get this thing resolved," said a LUI spokesman, "and then we can start trading."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP Playboy in European joint venture talks

PLAYBOY Enterprises Inc of the US is negotiating a joint venture with an unidentified European publisher and Planning a share issue, Miss Christie Hefner, Playboy's chief executive, said in Italy. She declined to comment an Speculation that talks were with the West German media and Publishing group Bertelsmann, but said Playboy was looking at television for growth and might consider collaborating with the Italian media entrepreneur Signor Silvio Berlusconi. A new issue of Playboy shares on Wali Street was being considered. Miss Hefner's father, Mr Hugh Hefner, who founded Playboy magazine, owns 70 per cent of Playboy

Insurance

PRE-TAX profits at Lloyd Thompson Group, the Lloyd's insurance and reinsurance brnker, were equipment, showed a pro-tax ahead by 40 per cent to £4.03 profit of £6.15 million for million in the six months to end-December. Income 37 per cent to £9.59 million in the period. Fully diluted carnings per share improved by 32 per cent to 7.9p and the interim dividend advanced by 21 per cent to

Rotork lifts broker ahead profit 21%

ROTORK, the manufacturer of valve actuators and other instrument-control 1989, an increase of 21 per and-December. Income cent Turnover increased by tom brokerage increased by £5.3 million to £39.37 million. A final dividend of 4.5p per ordinary share brings the total to 8p, compared with 7.25p per ordinary share for 1988. Earnings per share increased from 11.09p to

EBC housing setback

EBC, the South-west building contractor, sold only 40 houses in 1989 compared with 120 in 1988, halving profits at the housing division. However, buoyant profits from contracting and a doubled contribution from commercial property development helped lift pre-tax profits in the year to December to £5.3 million, a 43 per cent increase on 1988.

At £1.2 million, the contribution from the property maintenance division came close to matching the £1.3

million from contracting. A final dividend of 4.5p a share is being paid, giving a total of 8p a share (6.75p). Mr David Stoneman, the chairman, said: "Good order books for a number of our building companies make us confident about the prospects for the current year."

Mayoh leaves P-E payout Epwin Group rises 24%

MR JOHN MAYOH, joint PRE-TAX PROFITS at P-E not to sell his 18 per cent stake for at least a year. Epwin raised pre-tax profits 32 per cent to £3.05 million during 1989 on turnover of £43.9 million (£34.8 millinn). The total dividend

managing director of Epwin International, the inter-Group, the window maker, national management and has resigned to pursue other computer consultant, rose interests. He has undertaken by 25 per cent to £5.62

milling on fee income up 20 per cent to £58 million for 1989. Earnings per share rose 21 per cent to 21.1p. A final dividend of 3.9p (3.1p), lifts the total by 24 per cent to 5.6p. Mr Hugh Lang. rises to 6p (5.3p) through a chairman, said much of the proposed final of 4.2p on growth came from conti-earnings of 14.1p (11.3p). nental Europe.

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Sale boosts Ossory

THE SALE of an 11-acre site in Mortlake, south-west London, accounts for much of the turnover in the interim results from Ossory Estates, the property developer. The site was sold in December for £20 million to investors trading as Peachstream Properties. The sale fell within Ossory's first half and lifted total turniver in the six months to December to £27.3 million. Pre-tax profits were up 49 per cent at £6.58 million despite a doubled interest charge of £1.3 million.

Ossory has since acquired a 47.5 per cent stake in

Peachstream, which plans a 184,000 sq ft office building on the site. Ossory will project manage the scheme on a fee basis. An interim dividend of 0.4p a share (0.3p) is being paid.

Discount winner transforms B&J

offerings in just over a year are rose 200 per cent to 1.7p. rich even for a fast-growing company like Brown & Jackson. Such hyperactivity is hold properties from Lowndes bound to raise memories of yet is raising £32 million from B&J's last spell of torrid a placing of straight shares and growth, when the shares convertible preference stock. reached a dizzy 288p before The all-in cost of refurbishing sagging to 11p.

stretcher, the discount nonfood retail chain bought from modest war chest for further Lowndes Queensway. Man-agement style is to pile it high The size of the mileage in selling men's white cotton shirts at £3.99. If Poundstretcher proves to be a formula business with staying current holders a chance to power, then the original purchase was indeed a great op- being offered at a modest 58p, portunity, and the latest deal representing about 9 times to add a further 53 Lowndes earnings after allowing for full stores is a logical extension.

per cent like-for-like sales growth, which translates to 25 per cent profits growth. The first months of the current year show a distinct acceler-

The deal stretched B&J's balance sheet, but transformed its profitability. At pre-tax level, the gain was 320 per cent to £9.53 million with earnings per share 70 per cent ahead.
Regrettably, the fact that £2
million of the profits arose
from property disposals was
not apparent immediately,
the company would though the company would say that with more than 200 outlets, this will be a recurring

B&I is paying £1.6 million for the 10- to 15-year leasethe new outlets and re-stock-That said, B&I looks to ing is more like £12 million. have a winner with Pound- That leaves headroom for bank debt reduction and a

The size of the issue takes a and sell it cheap. There is good deal on trust. But it is effectively placed with a clawback provision for existing shareholders, thus denying sell their rights. The shares are dilution and some property Poundstretcher turned in 13 profits. Speculative, but inter-

Chemicals THE BIG question for Brent

Chemicals shareholders lies in the group's plans for spending s considerable cash hoard. The sale of Reddish Sa-

villes, the brewing and clean-ing chemicals subsidiary, plus the divestment of its automotive rust treatment and primer activities, brought in more than £30 million, a tidy sum for a company capitalized to reduce its current ac at little more than £75 million. vulnerability to predators.



Eyes on Europe: Steve Cuthbert, of Brent Chemicals, yesterday Any purchases are likely to

Indeed, £29 million of Brent's £41 million net assets are net cash, which works out at about 54p per share. Brent clearly plans to make

further acquisitions and hints that these will be of ownermanaged businesses in Europe, where its expansion is to be focused. However, there is a risk it will make a rash move to reduce its current acute

are already much more international than the ones just sold, where sales were mainly in the UK. The latest figures reported by Mr Steve Cuthbert, the chief executive, were not

be aimed at boosting interests

in aerospace and electronics

chemicals. These businesses

particularly impressive, nor any great surprise. Although

cent up at £129 millinn in the year to December, the first full dividend on the £12 million of preference shares issued in August 1988 left earnings per share just 2 per cent up at

13.1p. Earnings had grown only 2 per cent in the first half and the full-year totals were only slightly higher than Brent forecast earlier this month. when it announced the disposal of Reddish Savilles.

Analysts expect some recovery in Brent's fortunes this year, taking profits to £14 million and carnings to about 14p and leaving the shares, up 4p at 144p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 10. That is high on trading grounds, even though there is a 6.3 per cent yield. However, Brent has a number of businesses of gem-like quality and, netting the cash pile gearing of a mere 4.4 per cent. off its market value, these could seem sufficiently cheap for an industry buyer to

TT Group

TT GROUP is fast settling into its stride, which is nn less than was expected after a 1987 revitalization in which Mr John Newman, former acquisitions manager at Han-son, and Mr Nicholas Shipp. former stockbroker, moved into the executive seats. Pre-tax profits of TT (for-

merly Tyzack Turner) rose by 135 per cent from £3.58

£60.9 million (£28 million) turnover in the year ended December 30. Pre-tax margins advanced by one percentage point 10 13.8 per cent.
The final dividend rises

from 2p to 2.5p a share, making 4p (3p) for the year. The profits advance owes something to a full year's contribution from Beatson Clark, acquired in August 1988, the benefit of eight months' profit after the May,

growth. Improved productivity was squeezed out of Beatson. The Hanson experience and

1989, acquisings of Newship

Manufacturing, and to organic

lessons of financial control helped TT Group end the year with gross bank borrowings of £3.3 million and cash in hand nf £1.7 million, giving a The balance sheet is therefore poised for the next move on the acquisition trail, thnugh not, it seems, Chloride's way. Having built a 2.85 per cent stake in Chloride, TT has recently sold the rump of its holding. Hnwever, after interest costs, TT may not have made much of a turn out

nf the exercise.
Pre-tax profits could challenge the £11 million mark this year, and at 117p, up 4p, the shares trade on 8.1 times.

The Newman-Shipp team holds 32 per cent of TT's equity, and there is a respectable institutional following. The shares are looking cheap.

Japanese firms favour UK

JAPANESE companies have increased their presence in Europe ahead of the single market in 1992 with Britain and France the favoured destinations, a survey by Jetro, the semi-official Japan External Trade Organisation At end-January, there were

529 companies with Japanese investment of at least 10 per cent, up from 411 a year earlier, in the 18 countries of the EC and the European Free Trade Association.

These included 132 in Britain, 95 in France, 89 in West Germany, 55 in Spain, 39 in the Netherlands and 28 in Italy. By sector, 139 produce electronic and electrical equipment or parts, 83 chemicals and 66 general machinery The average local content of parts and materials rose from 51.2 to 67.2 per cent. Legal wrangles risk souring economic ties, says Brittan

EC trade treaty with US urged

From Peter Guilford Brussels

The United States and the European Community need a joint treaty to prevent "unseemly and damaging dis-putes over industrial jurputes" isdiction from escalating out of proportion, Sir Leon Brittan, EC Commissioner for Competition Policy, said in New York yesterday. Sir Leon defended the EC's

increasingly powerful competition-enforcement rules, but gave warning that they could bring it into conflict with the US. "We cannot avoid the possibility of conflicts of jurisdiction, with both the United States and the European Community claiming jurisdiction in the same areas," he said.

The world's two biggest trading blocs should sign "a



Sir Leon: "Interests overlap" treaty or less formal agreement", as no procedure currently exists for settling disputes between them, he continued. Such an agreement. would provide for information gathering and exchange,

and would set a framework for consultation, in order to preempt the growing number of legal wrangies that risk souring economic ties. The move could help allay

fears that Brussels will use its growing anti-trust muscle beyond Community boundaries to protect European interests. Sir Leon's spokesman in Brussels said that newly

agreed EC powers to control large-scale company mergers, which come into force on September 21, gave added urgency to the Commissioner's treaty plans.

"Many mergers of Ameri-can and other international companies will come under the new EC regulation, and there is clearly bound to be a certain overlap of interest between the Community and the United States," he said.

A treaty could clarify where global company link-ups stand vis-à-vis EC and American law, and could establish how far EC decisions might have repercussinns beyond Community frontiers, and vice-versa. America was jolted by a European Court of Justice

ruling last year which confirmed Brussels had the right tn confiscate assets of non-EC companies if they were found to be involved in price cartels on the European market. Speaking to the EC Chamber of Commerce in New

York, Sir Leon admitted that an arbitration clause would meet formidable political nbstacles. He was looking for a first nod of approval from the American authorities, but he vowed to pursue his plans irrespective of how they were initially received.

Clearing time cut by Abbey

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor

ABBEY NATIONAL has taken another step towards becoming a fully fledged clearing bank. It has reduced the time it takes to clear cheques from seven calendar days to four working days for its two cheque accounts. The high street banks quote three to four days to clear cheques and advise customers not to write cheques until they have balances to cover them. Under the new system, a

cheque paid into an Abbey branch on a Monday will be available on Friday.

The Abbey, which suffered substantial losses through a student cheque fraud in the Eighties, had maintained its seven-day clearing when it launched its cheque accounts

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GrandMet seeks new retail business for franchising side From Martin Waller, Farmington, Connecticut

GRAND METROPOLITAN

is seeking a new retail business to add to its franchise-based operations, which include the Burger King hamburger chain. However, the drinks group

- showing a party of London analysts round its US businesses this week - is keen not to be seen as being in acquisition mode. It has stressed that any retail

a massive cash outlay - it may even choose to start a new business from scratch. The company also stressed its commitment to Pearle, its

spectacles retail business in the US, which has been seen in some quarters as sitting oddly

gested it might be sold.

retail and property, said there over the next four or five was no question of selling or years. floating Pearle, which expects to double sales from a forecast \$750 million in 1990 over the next three years.

He said the intention was to build the retail side further by expansion would not involve bolting on another retail area which would be run along the same franchise lines as Burger King and Pearle. Mr Tagg said the new retail area could well be just as different as spec-

tacles and burgers. The spectacles business will are seen as priorities.

with GrandMet's core activ- need another \$300 million to ities. Some analysts have sug- \$450 million in annual sales, or between 200 and 300 stores, before it reaches the necessary Mr David Tagg, the main before it reaches the necessary board director in charge of critical mass in the US market lafida blam

But Pearle is keen to expand into Europe. It has a tochold in the Netherlands and will open its first store in West Germany soon. Britain has been ruled out because of the retail slump which coincided with a downturn in spectacles sales after the Government withdrew free sight-testing last year. The first store in Taiwan is likely to open later this year. Asia and the Chinese market

Ramar **Textiles**

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· Company carrying record stockholdings of presold stock. UK factories producing at record levels with order books full through into the Autumn.

 Presold production running at a rate of £600,000 per week since the beginning of 1990. A sales increase in the order of 20% anticipated for calendar year. High interest rates, delay in settlement of consequential loss claim, expanding

production & high stock levels all contributed to interest charges in excess of

 Supply difficulties and uncertainties in China resulted in lost sales of around £2 million in silk garments in the first half. However, these problems have been overcome and as silk now has a much wider public appeal 1 anticipate nur

 I am confident of the satisfactory outcome of arbitration at the end of April and very much regret the detrimental effect nn the recovery and expansion of the Group caused by unwarranted delays in settlement by the insurers.

long term investment will create profits in the ensuing years.

Colin Radin, Chairman

'No changes' at Wang after founder's death

WALL STREET has ruled out any changes in the manage- will be taken over for some is highly unlikely the Wang Wang said: "The Wang family any changes in the manage-Laboratories, the loss-making US minicomputer manufacturer whose founder, Dr An Wang aged 70, died on Saturday.

It was reportedly "business as usual" at the company in Lowell, Massachusetts, with no signs of the boardroom struggle that, more often than not, follows the death of a family-controlled company's founder.

Wall Street analysts and corporate financiers said there is little likelihood that Wang, which reported a \$424.3 million loss on sales of \$2.87

Mr Marc Schulman, a computer industry analyst with UBS Securities in New York, said: "No one is interested. It's like climbing into a ship with a hole in the bottom. When that has finally been plugged, maybe someone will be in-

Mr George Elling, a computer industry analyst with Merrill Lynch in New York, said: "Even if the family did decide it wanted to sell out, it is highly questionable who would want to buy it now." With the shares languishing and 22.9 per cent of the

family could be persuaded to Mr Frederick Wang, who resigned as president and chief operating officer to make way last August for Mr Richard Miller, a former executive of General Electric, confirmed that the family will continue

to back Mr Miller's restructuring programme while maintaining its controlling stake. The Wang family, together first ran into trouble when it with directors and top manchose to ignore the arrival of the IBM personal computer. agers, controls 82.8 per cent of the company's publicly-

believes the long-term plan now being implemented to return the company to profitability will achieve its objectives, and that implementation of the plan remains the best means through which to maximize stockholders' value in the company." Wang, which pioneered electronic calculators, user-friendly word processors and

It has been hit by the worldwide slump in computer

Head of airline resigns

THE HEAD of London City Airways, Mr Jonathan Wilson, has resigned after mounting losses forced the handover of a main route to this fledgling airline's arch-rival,

Brymon. Mr Wilson helped to de-velop three scheduled services from London City Airport and during recent months saw a steady improvement in the number of passengers carried to both Paris and Brussels. Flights to Amsterdam, how-ever, proved difficult to fill

Parkland fall

SHARES IN Parkland Textiles of Bradford dropped 25p to 215p after a warning that profits would slump by about 20 per cent this year.

Memec lower MEMEC, THE systems com-

ponents group, saw pre-tax profits tumble by a fifth to £6.7 million in 1989. The total dividend rises to 6p (5.2p) on earnings per share of 15.85p

Ramar loss

RAMAR TEXTILES plunged lo a loss of £164,000 at the interim stage to November compared with pre-tax profits of £426,000 last time. Again there is oo interim dividend on a loss per share of 1.29p (eps 2.12p).

Minorco wins

MINORCO HAS secured 98 per cent of Freeport-McMo-



Peter Tom: reporting a difficult year, but confident about future progress

Bardon produces £12m

BARDON GROUP, the quarrying and building products conditions had been difficult group, reports pre-tax profits oo both sides of the Atlantic, of £12.1 million on sales of £98.5 million in the nine interest rates, increased raw months to the end of Decem-material costs and the ecober, against £12.9 million for the year to end-March 1989, on turnover of £165.7 million (Philip Pangalos writes).

Earnings per share of 10.14p for the period compare with 10.1p for the previous year, with fully diluted earnings at 9.64p (9.86p) reflection Mr Tor September's £16 million rights quarry m issue. A final dividend of 1.9p, larly tigh

stemming from high British nomic uncertainty in Massachusetts. But he remained confident about medium-tolong-term progress.

British Jurnover was 85 per cent of that in the previous year, with profits reaching 98

per cent of Freeport-McMo-Ran Gold of the US following mooths, compared with 3.18p vision, which had static turn-

shortfall in the concrete company, affected by rising cement prices and lower demand.

Mr Tom said the American operations, which account for 28 per cent of group profits and 47 per cent of turnover, produced lower results than expected due to adverse climatic and ecocomic

Interest costs were reduced from £5.37 million to £3.75 Mr Tom said the market for million, with gearing down quarry materials was particu- from 129 per cent to 59 per larly tight. Profil margins at cent. Analysts are looking for the building products division, which had static turn-for 1990. The shares firmed by

CCF in talks on funds manager

By Jeremy Andrews

CRÉDIT COMMERCIAL de France, the country's ninth largest bank, is in negotiations with Throgmorton Trust about buying Framlington, Throgmorton's fund-manage-

ment subsidiary.

However, Mr Anthony
Greayer, CCF's chief executive in Britain, denied that his bank's interest was connected with the rows at Framlington which have led to a number of resignations in recent months.

Although CCF has an exten-

sive branch network in France and 30 other countries, half the bank's profits come from its investment banking and fund-management businesses. It has \$13 billion under management, most of which is money market funds within

A fortnight ago, it an-nounced its intention to acquire a fund manager in London to form the nucleus of an international fundmanagement operation.

Framlington was set np 21 years ago to manage unit trusts by Laurence Prust, the stockbroker, who floated it on the stock market in 1983. Laurence Prust's institutional broking business was acquired by CCF in 1985 and the private client business was merged with Framlington in return for a 28.8 per cent

Meanwhile, Throgmorton Trust, an investment trust, had acquired a 15 per cent holding in Framlington in return for its fund-management side.

After the stock market crash, Throgmortoo launched a £70 million bid for Framlington oo the back of the two stakes.

Although successful, the bid was acrimonious and was followed by the departure of several senior figures at Framlington.
Mr Greayer emphasized

that CCF was in discussions with possible vendors of a number of fund-management

In November, Framlingtoo had more than £2.4 billioo under management.

Throgmorton's latest accouots show Framlingtoo made profits of £6.07 million before tax in the 12 months to November, compared to £6.47 million in the previous 17 months. Mr Paul Loach, the managing director, said an-

COMMENT

A princely penny for Laing's revaluation plus the costs to come. It is only when the properties are both completed and let that the full latent value comes out

he sparkling property revaluation from Laing Properties at the tail end of last week hrought a pretty humble response in the stock market at the start of the new account yesterday. In theory, this is the account when Pall Mall, the joint Peninsular & Oriental/Chelsfield bid vehicle, is most likely to raise its takeover offer. Last week, Laing produced a revaluation of 910p a share, with a further development surplus, if all goes according to plan, of

73p a share. Yet the Laing Properties' share price slumped all the way down from 683p to 651p, a princely penny above the 650p-a-share cash on offer from Pall Mail. The movement gave off two conflicting signals: either that the bid will fail and that the 651p reached last night is merely a staging post in the shares' journey back to the 450p they might command without a hid at all, or that the offer will succeed after a slight raising of the price. But there is another, clearer, signal in that property valua-tions produced in the middle of bid battles are given limited credibility by

the market. In the case of Laing Properties, the weak spot is the United States portfolio. Nearly 30 per cent of the portfolio value is locked up in the US, nearly all of that in developments under way and in sites. US developments are valued at £120 million, but require a further £104 million to complete and let them. According to the valuers, the aggregate value of those developments when completed would be £156 million, or £68 million less than the current value

Sydney needs a real remedy

own Under, there is a dark spirit substitute called Claytons marketed by luminaries such as Paul Hogan as "the drink you have when you're not having a drink". The term was extended to the political arena at the weekend when Australia had a Claytons election. There was a vote but no outcome and the tip is that there will either be a hung parliament or a return of the Labor Government led by Prime Minister Bob Hawke with a majority of two seats. Political survival will depend oo Labor MPs refusing to die and

tatters, looking decidedly threadbare. In New York, as can be seen by the Berisford write-offs, the market is in a severe cyclical downswing while in many other states values are being knocked for six by the crisis in the savings and loans industry which has dumped billions of dollars of real estate on to the market.

and the valuation cruises past the present worth to £254 million.

The US real estate market is, if not in

Most of this would have been built into the valuations by the US appraisers and this is no doubt why it is costing

more to acquire and complete the US property portfolio than it will be worth on completion without lettings. But in addition to the portfolio under devaluations and the property portfolio under devalua elopment, there is a bundle of sites where development is not yet under way. Their valuation, which appears to be included in Laing's package at £116 million, is even more difficult than valuing developments in progress, given that the site value is a residual of a series of calculations which begin with the estimated completed value and make deductions for the costs of getting from vacant lot to finished building.

Pall Mall has the rest of the week to decide whether or not to increase the offer. If it wishes to be sure of winning, it needs to raise the terms. But, given the uncertain state of the US market and the declining Laing price, it need not add much to clinch it. Cash, after all, is king.

resisting the temptation to resign.

Whatever the outcome, such a slim margin for error is bad news for Australia's already battered share market. Foreign investors, who re-embraced bluechip Aussie shares in the New Year, look stuck for a while and uncertainty will not encourage more investment, Aggressive and constructive change in economic policy will take a back seat as both sides jockey for position, and economists will continue to say Australia is a nation with first-world living standards based on a third-world trade profile.

Both the Labor Party and the

conservative Liberal Party have said they want to see interest rates of almost 20 per cent fall soon and that is bad news for the Australian dollar, which already has tumbled half a cent to US74.5 cents since polling day.

Longer term, a lower dollar - at least 10 per cent lower - is good news for the country's resources companies, which will produce higher profits after the currency translation. Indeed, base-metals companies such as BHP, CRA and Renison Goldfields are the true drinks in a parched market. Buoyant demand, aided for example by the needs of Eastern Europe, should see to that even though gold stocks will be hit by the precious metal's US\$60 fall over the past month.

Australia's key market indicator, the All Ordinaries Index, eased 7 points to 1,567.4 on Monday based on paltry turnover of Aus\$90 million. Investors are walking on eggshells in what was already a subdued market. To inspire confidence offshore Australia must junk the Claytons and bring out the real

David Brewerton

Panfida blames high rates for loss

850-strong Martins chain of newsagent and convenience into a £7.1 million pre-tax loss million.

fit - on high British interest rates and the resulting down- 0.5p last time. turn in consumer spending.

Panfida paid £13.5 million

£200 million, while the Martin Retail Group (MRG) reported stores to Britain, has fallen an after-tax loss of £2.67

for the six months to end-Dec-ember.

The company blamed the loss – down from last year's

of 4.2p last time. There is no

PANFIDA, the Australian interest during the period, on controlled retail and property borrowings down from £245 pany, an option to buy its 35 munford, its other US convectompany that operates the millioo last June to a current per cent stake in CRI, an nience store chain. Last million) before June 30.

The proposed sale of the CRI stake, as well as the planned sale of TOC Retail, Panfida's US convenience £561,000 interim pre-tax pro- interim dividend payout to store chain, is expected to cut shareholders, who received borrowings hy more than half. The company reported an

Panfida also announced it extraordinary net gain of had granted Meldew, the pri- £12.7 million, mainly as a

Australian property development and management husiness, for Aus\$25 million (£12 month, Panfida paid £8.2 million for the the 47 per cent of MRG it did not already own. month, Panfida paid £8.2 million for the the 47 per cent of

As part of the same deal, it is raising £10 million through the sale of up to 31.3 per cent of its shares to News International, the publisher of The Times, at 35p a share. News International will have voting rights on 29.9 per cent of the

Panfida fell 4p to 16p.

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ConsGold and the snakepit RTZ AND Minorco would

have been the joint bidders for British mining house Consolidated Gold Fields in the summer of 1986 had a takeover and break-up plan, conceived by American investment bank Merrill Lynch, materialized. A book by Bill Jamieson, a City journalist, to be published by Hutchinson Business Books on April 5, on the battle for ConsGold - Goldstrike! The Oppenheimer Empire in Crisis - reveals that the code name used by RTZ and Minorco for the scheme was "Operation Snakepit." be-cause each would take various parts of ConsGold once "the victim was in the pit." The RTZ-Minorco plan came to nought, and eventually Min-orco took on ConsGold in its own right only to lose out to Hanson. The original plan was that RTZ would have taken the aggregates business, ARC. since it was not interested in sitting on minority shareholdings with no cash flow. One other interesting bid battle snippet, also revealed in Goldstrike!, is a description of Rudolph Agnew, ConsGold's chairman, who regularly sought relaxation by taking his labrador dog. Augusta, for long walks. Concluding that Augusta must have become a very wise dog indeed during the course of Britain's biggest takeover. Jamieson quotes Agnew as saying: "I tell Augusta everything. We have long discussions. The Takeover Panel would not at all



On a good day . . . RUGBY-PLAYING Tony in the hope of his two sons O'Reilly, the chairman of being admitted there. The

Heinz, has become a legend in headmaster, somewhat apolo-his own lifetime in Irish getically, said that, despite sporting circles. Tales about him abound. An informant, hot-foot from Saturday's international match in Dublin, tells me that he overheard talk of the time O'Reilly visited the beadmaster of Clongeswood, a "Well . . ," came O'Reilly's fine boarding school a few considered reply. "Some days miles west of the Irish capital, 1 do and some days I don't."

ICI outsider

FOR THE first time in 43 years, ICI has appointed a finance director from outside the firm. Colin Short, aged 56. a long-time oilman, has been poached from Chevron, where he has been the company treasurer based in San Fran-



"Who's taking the mikkei?"

was earning at least £10,000. "Well . . . " came O'Reilly's cisco. Before that Short, born in Carmarthen, was a key member of the defence team which saw off a T Boone Pickens takeover bid for Gulf Oil in 1983, where Short was chief financial officer. The friendly merger between Gulf and Chevron came later. Moving to London in June. Short will take over from Alan Clements when he reaches retirement

getically, said that, despite O'Reilly's reputed wealth, he had formally to ensure that he

had the ability to pay the

school fees, and thus requested

his personal assurance that he

age at the end of the year. Egg on

AT THE birthday party for the 1.000th issue of James Capel's Mining Review yesterday, one fund manager who should perhaps remain nameless gave Julian Baring, the firm's gold guru, a Cadbury's Creme Egg. My man on the scene wanted to know: "Why such a small Easter egg." *Because it is all mushy inside - just like some of the recommendations that Julian has given us down the years."

quipped the jovial client.

Sunken dreams BRITAIN'S highest-paid husi-

nessman, property developer Paul Sykes - he pays himself £6 million a year - may yet rue the day that he bought his North Yorkshire home from Neil Balfour, chairman of York Trust, the quoted financial services group. Sykes bought the Studley Royal stables, complete with country mansion and situated in the deer park at Fountains Abbey - the National Trust site which also houses the ruins of what was once Britain's fore-most Cistercian abbey - for £1 million. Now he is spending an equally large sum renovating the property before moving in. But his desire to create a sunken garden next to the stables has run up against a problem — in the form of Harrogate Borough Council, which will consider his application on April 10. According to local sources, the signs are not good. An archaeological dig on the site ear-marked for the sunken garden is uncarthing important remains, not least those of a 15th century village and the old road from Ripon to Pateley Bridge. All this must be decidedly tiresome for Sykes whose reputation for achieving things in a hurry has earned him the nickname "Powerhouse Paul." And. ironically, it is he who is footing the bill for the £20,000 10-week excavation. NOW we know. A notice on

a truck in London's Marylebone Road at the weekend announced: "This is the lorry it all fell off of."

Carol Leonard

struggie alone.

The limp, two-paragraph

The yen now looks likely to

remain the favourite whipping

speculators test the resolve of

the Bank of Japan to raise

higher borrowing costs needed

knock investors' confidence in

the stock market just when it

The dilemma is that the

stabilize the yen could

interest rates again.

JAPAN'S financial markets and Mr Nicholas Brady, the continued to taunt monetary American Treasury Secretary, officials and baffle investors failed to produce any hint that as the yen sank to its lowest the US was unhappy with a level in more than three years, muscular dollar, or to warn share prices, catching speculators not to treat the yen their breath after their recent as a one-way bet. This served stide, climbed nearly 1,500 to convince currency markets points in the stock market's that Tokyo was being left to second biggest rally.

The dollar climbed Y1.33 to Y156.4, its highest point for communiqué that finally 38 months, driven by the emerged further pulled the rug failure of the weekend talks in from under Mr Hashimoto, Los Angeles between US and who was hoping to return to Japanese finance ministers to Tokyo boasting of a new convince dealers that a mir- international accord. acle cure had been found for Japan's headaches boy of world currency mar-

Dealers are wary of reading much into the Nikkei stock kets. Many dealers predict a index's 1,468.33-point rise slide to Y160 to the dollar as sterday to 31,840.49, and there is no strong feeling that the market's plunge is over, even if few expect dramatic further falls from the currently

The hastily called talks between Mr Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's Finance Minister, may be about to calm down.

COMPANY BRIEFS

Pre-tac £3.23m (£1.70m) EPS: 13.5p (10.8p) Div: 3.25p, mkg 5.25p BEDFORD (WILLIAM) (Fin) Pre-tac: £0.26m (£0.29m) EPS: 3.3p (4.2p)

Div: 1p, mkg 1p (1p) BOSTROM (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.90 (£2.12m) EPS: 24.1p (19.2p) Dhr: 3.5p, mkg 5.75p COMPUTER PEOPLE (Fin) Pre-tax: £4.22m (£3.23m) EPS: 21.80p (17.84p) Div: 4.1p, mkg 5.85p SYKES-PICKAVANT (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.58m (£1,72m) EPS: 10.96p (12.66p) Div: 3.5p, mkg 5.75p **TECHNOLOGY PROJECT**

Pre-tax: 21.71m (£1.18m) EPS: 23.2p (16.0p) Div: 5p, mkg 7.2p (5p)

Last year's total dividend was 4.2p. Company said that every part of the business produced record sales and business produced record sales and profits. Turnover £21.1m (£10.2m). Turnover £3.04m (£2.72m). Lower margins led to the fall in profit. Turnover for first two months of

Total dividend is an increase of 13 per cent over total which board would have recommended in 1988 in enlarged capital had been in issue. Last year's total dividend was 4.85p. Turnover advanced by 49 per cent to £69.9 million. It was another year of strong organic growth in Britain. Last year's total dividend was 5.75p. There was an extraordinary charge of £485,000, relating to relocation

of the Vitrex DIY busine Final results. Board says the management will continue to exercise careful cost controls Turnover up 29.6 per cent to £14.1m. STOCK MARKET

Stronger sterling gives boost to equity prices

PRICES STARTED the account on a firm note cheered by a stronger pound and futures-related buying of the FT-SE 100 index.

The Chancellor's encourageing comments about interest rates over the weekend and Tokyo's second biggest oneday gain ever boosted sentiment. The equity market was squeezed higher in thin tradwhich saw only 353 million shares dealt in. The index was 23 points up before closing 14.3 higher at 2,298.2. The FT index of 30 shares rose 17.4 to 1.813.5.

The FT-SE futures contract tempted a few buyers at lower levels to test conditions. It was trading at a small premium ahead of the expiry of the March contract on Friday.

A firmer pound eased pressure on interest rates and enabled government securities to sport gains stretching to £114 at the longer end.

Blue chips with figures due soon attracted selective support. Lucas Industries rose 7p to 625p, Bowster 10p to 455p, Polly Peck 7p to 400p and Hawker Siddeley 4p to 654p. Guinness, the brewing and distilling group, continued to make the most of last week's full-year results which exceeded even the most optimistic forecasts with pre-tax

profits soaring from £521 million to £691 million. The shares rose 8p to a peak of 698p as their re-rating Analysts have been raising

their profit estimates for the current year. Barclays de Zoete Wedd has lifted its to £832 million and is also predicting £1 billion in 1991.

RE-RATING CONTINUES Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

Its says the annual earnings growth nf more than 20 per cent means that the shares should continue to outperform the rest of the market.

GEC managed to shrug off another profits downgrading to finish 3p better at 208p. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, has trimmed its estimate for the current year by £25 million to £885 million. Last year, the group made £797 million. County is

underway which may have a "significant impact" on the group which said last month that it was looking for a buyer for its financial services di-

135p. It is in talks which could

lead to an offer. Jameel, the

Hartwell, unchanged at 158p.

Shares in Equity & General,

MEPC ROSE 4p to 490p, helped by a buy recommendation from Charterhouse Tilney, the broker. Worries about its big City development programme should be offset by good news from the company and the knowledge that the 51 per cent discount between the share price and the asset value allows for a significant fall which is unlikely to materialize. The broker is forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits this year of £22.5 million to £150 million.

the latest of a number of brokers to reduce its forecast. GEC has been sending out a signal to the City that some of its expectations were too high following the acquisition of

Bid hopes sent Lancaster the Honda and Jaguar motor distributor, soaring 56p to

various parts of Plessey.

vision. ICS Investments, s private company has in-creased its holding in Equity & General to 2.9 million shares, or 10.56 per cent. Hopes of a higher offer

appear to be fading at Laing Properties where the price tumbled 32p to 651p following last week's bigger-than-

The eventual figure of 910p a share was well above most predictions of 825p and seems to make an increased bid from P&O and the private property company, Chelsfield, less likely P&O rose 10p to 617p Blacks Leisure, the sports-

wear retailer, jumped 12p to 72p in a thin market. Dealers say that sales of its prestigious LA Gear sportwear range for which it has the franchise in this country are head of budget and that further good news on the trading front is expected. The price has now risen 30p in the past 10 days following a fall of similar proportions last month.

Saudi Arabian group, failed Shares of London United recently to win control of the the insurance group, were frozen at 30p after the com-Ford and Rover dealer pany announced its subsidiaries had suspended undera rival motor trader, were writing activities and had even halted payment of claims because of "financial uncertainties." The Department suspended at 20p. Talks are of Trade and Industry has also moved to stop its Walbrook subsidiary taking on new inurance business. The news failed to affect the rest of the sector with rises seen in General Accident, 18p to £10.79, Geardian Royal Exchange, 8p to 233p, Royal Insurance, 15p to 498p and Sun Alliance, 5p to 296p.

William Low, the supermarket chain, rose 12p to 302p, after announcing that talks with Isosceles, the Gatesupermarket chain, to some of its northern es had broken down. Low had linked-up with the Co-operative Wholesale Society to buy 81 of the stores.

Michael Clark

Tokyo aids recovery in Sydney

nighest nne-day gain in Tokyn helped the market to recover from s weaker start because of nervousness about the outcome of Saturday's federal

Shares closed steady on thin volume with the All-Ordinaries index unchanged at 1,567.4 after falling to a low of

The All-Industrials index climbed 8 points after Tokyo's surge to end at 2,396.0, while the All-Resources dropped 5.3 to 930.4 and the gold marker tumbled 50.4 to 1,705.9.

One broker said: "There's not a lot of interest in the tion result had little impact overall, with most expecting the Hawke government to be

The slight fall in the Australian dollar early in the day -also no uncertainty about the election result - had little effect nn the share market. Another broker said: "If the

dollar continues to freefall, we should see a fairty bullish

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - The Seng index closed 39.86 up at Dow Jones industrial average 3,014.02. The broader-based Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 22 points to 2,726.28 in early trading. Shares generally responded to the overnight rally in Tokyo.
Futures-relayed buying helped
the cash market to gain.

The nearby MMI contract cash stocks, leading to buying of underlying issues, most of which are in the Dow average. Heng Kong - The Hang 1,939.53.

Dow climbs 22 points Hong Kong index advanced 25.79 to 1,978.17. The market remped up to the highest point seen since the crackdown on June 4 in China, • Singapore - The Strains

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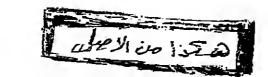
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BUSINESS LETTERS

Questions left unasked

From Mr S. D. Lewis Sir, I was simply astonished to read your article concerning the Blue Arrow payouts made to former directors of the National Westminster Bank

Barclays Bank to a former Chancellor of the Exchequer Policy's purpose who totally misjudged government policy in his 1988

All this, yet nobody says a word. Small wonder we have runaway inflation and are teetering on the brink of recess-

If, as a Chartered Accountant, I failed to carry out my lawful responsibility I would probably find myself fighting an action in the High Court

Why are the clearing bank shareholders not asking some questions? Why is the press not calling for explanations? Yours faithfully, S. D. LEWIS,

Central Buildings, 41 North John Street,

Liverpool.

From Mr A. G. Biggart
Sir, On March 12, Pembridge
announced its first disposal since it won control of DRG that is to say, the break-up of another world-competitive

British company began. Small wonder that John who failed to "carry out the Banham, Director-General of real responsibility for the law-ful conduct of business at the the end of his article vigorously defending British In-This on top of glib and dustry (The Times, March 15) nonncements by that Bank to state the need for the right and other clearing banks of policies to encourage ownermassive losses over loans to ship rather than speculation. third world countries and the What he did not say - how offer of an extravagantly re- could he? - was that the cause munerated part time job by of the speculative disease lies

From Mr W. Y. Reid

Sir. Mr Taylor (Business Letters, March 2) must think the Judicial Committee resembles Chief Justice May's Court of Common Pleas, "before whom no case was certain and no case was hopeless."

He is right that the extent to which the law allows recovery of economic loss is a matter of judicial policy. The tug o' war between those who would go forward and those who say "back" is one of the law's most engaging spectacles and makes its development somewhat erratic — like driving with one foot on the accelerator and one on the brake. There is a delightful illustration of this in the 1951 accountants' professional liability case Candler

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integrating, call in CMG.

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v Crane Christmas & Co. This also throws light on Mr Taylor's questions.

Mr Candler, considering buying shares, wanted to see the timorous souls who were the company accounts. A director asked his accountant to give them to him and the accountant also discussed them with him and explained them to him. He knew exactly why this was being done. On the strength of this, Mr Can-dler bought the shares. In fact, the accounts were wrong, negligently so, and the shares were worthless. Mr Candler sued the accountants. Their counsel argued that no action had ever been allowed for negligent statements. This cut no ice with Lord Denning. In one of those marvellous judg-ments that light up the law

reports like flashbulbs, he

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pointed out that this argument was put forward in all the milestone cases.

"On the one side there were fearful of allowing a new cause of action. On the other side there were the bold spirits who were ready to allow it if justice

On this occasion, timidity roared back. Asquith LJ said: "I am not concerned with defending the existing state of the law or contending that it is strictly logical - it clearly is not. I am merely recording what I think it is. If this relegates me to the company of "timorous souls", I must face that consequence with such fortitude as I can command."

Lord Denning, whose view later prevailed, also explained

Share certificates

From Mr K.P. Dawes Sir, In an article by you in The Times of March 10, Mr Hugh Smith was reported as having said that it was not true that private investors valued share certificates highly and that they found the torrent of paper work a major disincentive to

investment I am a private investor and I and my friends do value share certificates most highly and I don't think one share certificate can be called "a torrent of

If one pays out quite a large sum of money, one expects Hampshire some kind of receipt for it and March 11.

with characteristic clarity the is recognised by English Law, circumstances in which a duty and that its recognition does to take care in making a statement would arise. This happens when to the knowledge of the speaker, the listener will rely on what he says and when it is reasonable for the listener to do so. The duty is, of course, restricted to the known listener. It cannot be extended so as to include strangers of whom the speaker has heard nothing, and whose purposes cannot reasonably have been in his contemplation. Lord Denning expressly cites the example of a Lloyd's Surveyor who, in surveying for classification purposes,

no liability to the owner. "My conclusion is that a duty to use care in statements Hants.

negligently passes a mast as sound when it is not. He has

certainly when the new Taurus system comes into operation, I shall find some nther home for money which I have

There is also the matter of executors in the event of a

It would be extremely difficult for them in some cases to find out what companies the dead person had shares in, particularly if these investments were well spread.

Yours faithfully, K. P. DAWES, Courtenay Place. Lymington, Hampshire.

not create any dangerous precedent when it is remembered that it is limited in respect of the persons by whom and to whom it is owed and the transactions to which

it applies. The policy of the law, I suggest, is to avoid what one American judge feared: a liability to an indeterminate number in an indeterminate amount for an indeterminate time. It is not, with respect, to have one policy for valuers and surveyors and another for other professions. Yours faithfully, W. Y. REID,

11 Bruce Mansions.

Interest rates in US expected to remain steady

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

PRIVATE economists consider that the Federal Reserve is unlikely today to alter United States interest rate policy, amid signs that the worst risk of a recession in the American economy is over.

Many Fed watchers think the Fed's open market committee will not lower rates. even though many banks appear to be tightening credit because of heavier government regulation and uncertainty about the country's economic performance.

Fed officials have publicly expressed views in past weeks that the US economy is not in any immediate danger of falling in to a period of negative growth.

Mr Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, told Congress that the chances of the United States slipping into a recession had diminished.

Mr Edward Kelly, a Fed governor, told Congress last week he was "confident that the economy has stabilized at a satisfactory level," although he said it was premature to describe US economic performance as improving.



A regional survey of the US economy by the Fed this month showed that the economy was growing slowly while the car industry showed signs of weakness. Inflation is running at an annual rate of about 4.5 per cent, which is considered relatively high in the US.

The last interest change by the Fed was in December when the Federal funds rate. the overnight inter-bank lending rate, was cut a quarter percentage point to about 8.25 per cent.

HOW THE TOP COMPANIES PAY

Below we compare the profits earned by each employee with the average wage and the average director's salary for the leading 100 companies in the UK.

	employee (E)	(E)	Avg director pay (£)
1 Enterprise Oil	288,500	32,100	77,857
2 Slough Estates	157,100	22,600	90.000 103,857
	39,200	26,300	60.666
5 Ultramar	35.900	18,500	469,230
6 Glaxo	35,000 31,100	10 400	300.000
8 Guinness	26,100	15,600	100,000
8 Rothmans Intl	23,600	19,200	183,333 116,666
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12 BPB Industries	17,000	18,400	99,305 265,250 66,666
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22 Reed International	12,300	16,200	125,000
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25 Rank Organisation	11.900	8,300	666,666 83,333
26 Taylor Woodrow	11.500		87,500
28 English China Clay	10.900	16,000	456.250 66.666
29 Tate & Lyle	10.800	17,300	91.666
30 British Steel	10,700	18,700	73.333 108.333
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42 Williams	8,600	12,000	171,600
43 BOC	8,500	15,700	345,454
46 Smith Industries	8,210		108,333 110,000
46 United Newspapers	7,700	17 600	128,500 158,333
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71 Booker	4,600	8,600	100,000
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76 Boots	4,400	7,200	146,666
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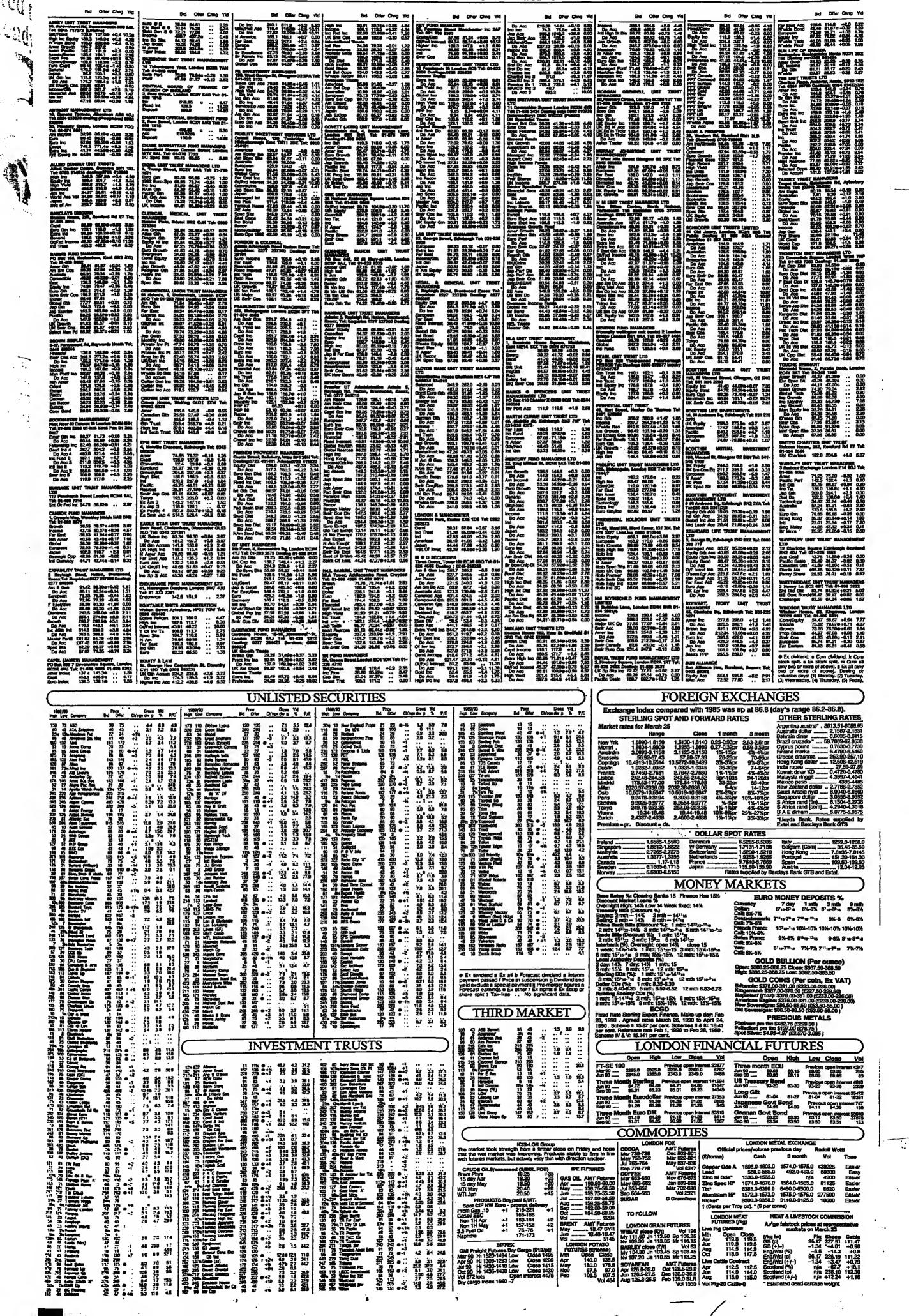
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Advocates on trial

vocates after all. The best are every bit as convinc-ing, theatrical and articulate as their counterparts at the Bar. I discovered this selfevident truth at the Law Society's 35th advocacy training course in the old spa town of Malvern carlier this month.

My own interest in the course stemmed from pioneering rights of audience in 1985 for solicitors in High Court libel settlements in the case of Leo Abse MP and others v. Cyril Smith MP. The course aims to give articled clerks (now "traince solicitors"), newly qualified solicitors and others an insight into pleas in mitigation, bail applications and simple cases in magistrates' courts and county courts.

It was also a timely reminder to City solicitors - accustomed to the cut and thrust of High Court litigation in London - that there are "solicitor advocates" up and down the country doing immensely important and often harrowing work for clients in juvenile courts, child care proceedings, industrial tribunals and magistrates' courts, every day of the week.

The concentrated three-day course was an interesting mixture of lectures, demonstrations from the team leaders and practical exercises in groups. The team Alastair Brett on

a training course

LEGAL BRIEF which demonstrates the strengths and

weaknesses of the 'solicitor advocate'

leaders - we were split into seven groups of 20 each - were specialist advocates from firms like Hunt Dickins in Nottingham, Cox & Hodgetts in Evesham and Sir David Napley's firm, Kingsley Napley, in London. Above all, the course taught

everyone that "preparation" is the key to successful advocacy. Those of us who had failed to read the background information sheets before the practical exercises on shoplifting, ancillary relief, affray and personal injuries actions ended up receiving the kind of "going over" that county court judges and stipendiary magistrates can give inexperienced young barristers and solicitors who have not done their homework.

Far from finding the course a pleasurable break, I had to get up at 7 am to read the papers and prepare for the practical exercises. The result of this hard work and youthful enthusiasm was that by the third day the hotel was showing concern about the bar

takings from course members. If the performances of the team leaders demonstrated how good experienced solicitor advocates can be - Susanna Poppleston, from Hunt Dickins in Nottingham, gave a prize-winning performance as the tearful and distraught mother in the child care demonstration - the lack of experience and forensic analysis of

some course members was quite

oo often the articled clerk or young solicitor examining or cross-examining a witness had little or no idea in which direction he or she was going. Speeches were left unstructured and essential facts which had to be drawn out in evidence in chief were never properly presented to

By the third day, with the adrenalin running high and course members starting to get an idea of what a testy county court judge

see where a line of questioning was leading, it was time to go. By then we had an idea of good, bad and indifferent examination in chief, cross-examination and reexamination. Somewhat appropriately, I was asked to crossexamine a "woman police officer", a young assistant solicitor from Lovell White Durrant, who had just arrested someone outside a "print works in Wapping Lane, East London".

After finding out how difficult examination in chief can be, it became clear the course was not long enough, the groups needed to be smaller, and each group might usefully be equipped with a video camera to show people how they performed in examining or crossexamining witnesses.

Short films for screening in the venings could show course members how barristers, the real High Court "pros", take notes, structure their examinations in chief and work out which lines of crossexamination are worth following Later this year, the Courts and

its passage through Parliament and Lord Mackay's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct will decide what qualifications solicitors need before they can take on cases in the Crown and High Court.



The Law Society's advocacy training course would be a useful start for City solicitors who have Legal Services Bill will complete no experience of advocacy in the lower courts - magistrates' courts and county courts - but who want to do limited advocacy in the High Court

But the course needs to be supplemented with a series of additional courses of up to a week for those wanting to specialize in particular divisions of the High Court, or specialist areas such as defamation or building cases in the Official Referee's Court. Indeed, the Lord Chancellor's

original idea of granting "certificates of competence" to advocates so they can appear in certain a bad one for those still keen to hear the sound of their own voices, but with no wish to start from scratch doing pleas in mitigation or bail applications.

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Law Report March 27 1990 Court of Appeal

Doctor's relationship with family practitioner committee is contractual

Roy v Kensington and Chelsea. and Westminster Family **Practitioner Committee**

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice **IJudement March 221**

The relationship between a general medical practitioner and the family practitioner committee which accepted his application for inclusion on the medical list of their locality was

Where, therefore, a prac-truoner sought to challenge a committee's decision as to his eligibility for the full rate of basic practice allowance it was appropriate for him to sue on the contract, since from the moment of his inclusion on the medical list be had a contrac-tual, private right to require nation by the committee of such entitlement in accordance with its statutory duty.

The Court of Appeal so held

when allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Dr Premananda Roy, from an order made by Judge White, sitting as a High Court judge in the Queen's Bench Division (The Times March 7, 1989) striking out, as an abuse of the process of the court, parts of the plaintiffs statement of claim. the plaintiff's statement of claim delivered in an action against the defendant family practitioner committee.

Mr Michael Briggs for Dr Roy; Mr Richard Greening for

LORD JUSTICE BAL-COMBE said that the reason for the judge's decision had been that in respect of those parts of the claim which the judge had struck out, the plaintiff should have applied for judicial review rather than have proceeded by ordinary action

medical practitioner who had since 1954 practised in the area

responsible. He was on the list practice allowance if "(a) he had issued a writ endorsed with of doctors undertaking, for the provides general medical serpurposes of the National Health vices and has 1,000 or more inter alia, the balance of the of doctors undertaking, for the purposes of the National Health Service Act 1977, to provide general medical services for persons in the committee's

Since at least the mid-1960s he had always had more than 1,000 patients registered with him. There had been no complaints from individual patients of the service that Dr Roy had

However, he had frequently been absent from the practice. Between 1979 and 1987 he had been absent, cither due to sickness or being away on holiday, for totals ranging from 87 to 186 days in each year.
His absences had always been covered by his employing a locum, without complaint from his patients.

Under the terms and conditions of service which applied to Dr Roy, a practitioner was eligible for the full rate of basic patients on his ordinary list . . . and (b) he is in the opinion of the responsible committee devoting a substantial amount of time to general practice under the National Health Service" (paragraph 12.1 of the Statement of Fees and Allowances payable to General Medical Practitioners in England and

The committee had formed the opinion that Dr Roy had not been devoting a substantial amount of his time to his practice. From January 1, 1985 the committee had paid to Dr Roy nnly 80 per cent of the full rate of basic practice allowance. Dr Roy had taken the view that his employment of a locum during his periods of absence had meant that those periods had not detracted from the time he had devoted to general practice and on July 22, 1986 he

a statement of claim claiming, inter alia, the balance of the basic practice allowance from January 1, 1985 which he al-leged to be due.

The two issues raised on the

appeal were: (i) was the relation-ship between Dr Roy and the committee one of contract, and
(ii) was Dr Roy entitled to his
rights against the committee,
whatever they might be, by
ordinary action?

The relevant staintory pro-vision was section 29 of the 1977 Act which, as amended by the Family Practitinner
Committees (Consequential
Modifications) Order (SI 1985
No 39), provided: "(1) It is the
duty of every family practitioner committee, in accordance with regulations, to arrange as re-spects their locality with medical practitioners to provide personal medical services for all

to take advantage of the "(1A) The services so pro-vided are referred to in this Act

as general medical services."

The relevant regulations were
the National Health Service
(General Medical and Pharmacentical Services) Regulations (SI 1974 No 160), as amended by the 1985 Order.

The terms of service for doctors were defined by regula-

tion 2(1) and were set out in Part Regulations, and by paragraph
44 of that Part of the Schedule
there were deemed to form part of the terms of service: (a) the regulations themselves; and (b) any statement published under regulation 24 so far as those affected the rights and obligations of doctors. The Stateme of Fees and Allowances to which his Lordship had referred was published pursuant to regula-

tion 24. In his Lordship's judgment the application by a general practitioner in the form prescribed in the 1974 Regulations constituted an offer in writing to perform general medical services in the family practitioner committee's locality upon the terms which had been defined.

When that application was accepted by the committee and the acceptance was communicated to the applicant (either by letter or by the inclusion of his name in the medical list) a contract between the applicant and the committee for the performance of services by the applicant was constituted.

All the indicia of a contract were present. There was considcration consisting of the prom-ise by the applicant to perform general medical services under the terms of service, in return for the promise by the com-mittee to pay for those services

in accordance with the State- titled to the full rate of basic ment of Fees and Allowances. If the relationship were not contractual it was difficult to see

hat else it could be. Moreover, no attempt had been made to argue for a min-contractual relationship in the closely analogous case of R v East Berkshire Health Au-thority. Ex parte Walsh [[1985]

Since Dr Roy's rights against the committee sounded in con-tract, on the face of it there would appear to be nn reason why he should not sue on the contract by ordinary action.
Nevertheless, that still left open the question raised on the committee's application to strike out the relevant parts of

the statement of claim; was Dr Roy confined to the procedure by judicial review in order to bring the issue before the court?
In his Lordship's judgment a person who had rights under a person who had rights thoer a contract was entitled to sue on that contract by ordinary action. A consideration of O'Reilly v. Mackman ([1983] 2 AC 237) and Cocks v. Thanet District Council ([1983] 2 AC 286) supported that proposition.

In the latter case the House of Lords had held that the statutory duty fell into two parts: a public law duty to determine whether an applicant fulfilled the statutory conditions which entitled him to be housed, which could only be enforced by judicial review, and only when that determination had been made in his favour did a private law duty, enforceable by or-dinary action, arise.

In the instant case Dr Roy had had from the moment of his inclusion on the medical list a contractual, that is, a private, right to have the committee determine whether he was enallowance in accordance with their duty under paragraph 12.1. In any event the point was conclusively determined in Dr

Roy's favour by the Court of Appeal's decision in Walsh. In that case the court had accepted that the employee's terms of tenure were determined by statute, but nevertheless held that he was seeking to enforce s contractual right under his contract of employment so that indicial review

inappropriate.

Even if there were an element of public duty in the formation by the committee of its opining under paragraph 12.1, that would not be sufficient to prevent Dr Roy enforcing his private, contractual rights by ordinary action, see: O'Reilly v Mackman, per Lord Diplock (st

His Lordship said that since writing his judgment he had noted the report of the Court of Appeal in R v Derbyshire County Council, Ex parte Noble (The Times February 21). That decision seemed wholly consis-tent with the views which his Lordship had expressed.

concurring, added that if a

come into existence and the practitioner's nnly right was a public-law right to have his application properly considered. Lord Justice Neill delivered a concurring judgment

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Justices possessed a discretionary power to state a case on an interlocutory matter or prior to the determination of an appeal to them in a civil case but that discretion should be ex-ercised only in exceptional

the applicants, Ms Charlotte Kovacs and Ms Heather Faubert, against a prohibition notice served on them by Derbyshire Fire Service.

The applicants were tenants

of a flat comprising the ground floor, first floor and second floor of a terraced house in Chester-field and lived there with their small children. The lower

small children. The lower ground floor of the house consisted of a self-contained flat with independent access.

On October 10, 1989 Derbyshire Fire Service made a prohibition notice, in pursuance of section 10 of the Fire Prevention Act 1971, with the effect that occupation was restricted to the ground floor and basement so that the applicants and their children would not be able to

Contravention of the restriction would be an offence under section 10B of the 1971 Act, as

substituted by section 9 of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, and an offender would be liable on summary conviction to an un-limited fine or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

The schedule of works re-

quired covered three pages and included the provision of six fire resisting doors, three emergency diting points, two fire alarms of the type activated by the breaking of glass, one fitted internally next to the front door and the other by the back door,

Regina v Chesterfield Justices, Ex parte Kovacs and
Another
Before Mr Justice Roch
[Judgment March 17]

four escape route notices — one
in cach bedroom, one fire
extinguisher of the dry powder
type, one of the water type, one
alarm which detected beat, one
which detected smoke, two fire exit signs and a steel push-bar device on the back door.

Both applicants were in re-ceipt of income support. Neither had any capital.

Section 10A(1) of the 1971
Act, as substituted, provided a right of appeal to the justices within 21 days from the date on which the notice was served. Mr Graham Robinson for the applicants; the justices did nnt appear and were nnt

MR JUSTICE ROCH said that legal aid was not available for appeals against a prohibition notice — a startling omission because many of the people who would be served and who might have to give up the accommoda-tion occupied by them and their children, which might in turn lead to children and parents being separated, would be those unable in afford legal represent themselves at court. Here the prospect was of the applicants children being taken

into care. On October 13, an application by Mr C. W. Bellamy, Ms Kovacs' solicitor, for the notice to be suspended until the hearing of the appeal was granted by

At the appeal, the justices agreed to consider as a preliminary point whether section 10 of the Act gave the fire authority power to serve a prohibition notice in respect of the applicants' house.

The justices decided there was such a power. Mr Bellamy asked such a power. Mr Bellamy asked the justices to adjourn to state a case but it was contended by the clerk to the justices that they had no justidiction to state a case at that point since that power did not arise until a final determination of the appeal. The justices refused to

in the meantime the pro-hibition notice had been stayed by Mr Justice Rose to maintain

the status quo.

In his Lordship's judgment the justices did have power to state a case prior to the final determination of the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE,

an initial decision by the com-mittee not to accept his applicatinn in be included on the list of doctors, he had in that case to take proceedings for judicial At that stage nn contract had

Interlocutory discretionary power to state case to be used sparingly

Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing to grant judicial review of the refusal of Chesterfield Of the reason of a case on a preliminary issue before their determination of an appeal by

children would not be able to use the bathroom and lavatory or any of the bedrooms.

The risk alleged in the notice was "inadequate means of escape from the first and second

There was persuasive au-thority that they did not have Such a power in Streamer v. Copping ([1985] QB 920) but there the matter before the justices was clearly criminal.

In Loade v DPP ([1989] 3 WLR 1281, 1290) Lord Justice Neill, having considered, inter alia, Streames v Capping had said: ... the High Court will not entertain an appeal by way of case stated in a criminal court unless the crown court has reached a final determination. In other proceedings, however, including proceedings which involve the grant or refusal of licences, it is not open to this court to reach the same conclusion."

He had gone on to say (at p1291) that the jurisdiction existed in civil cases, but it should be exercised sparingly and nnly in exceptional

His Lordship beld that the power of magistrates to state a lase at an interlocutory stage in livil proceedings was the same is the power of the crown court when hearing an appeal in a civil natter. That power was listretionary. Once the final determination

and been made they had to state s case unless, under section 111(5) if the Magistrates Courts Act 1971 they were if the opinion that the application was That was not the case where the application was made at an

interiocutory stage where mat-ters were for the discretion of the justices and of the High Court and, as Lord Justice Neill had said, it was a jurisdiction to be exercised sparingly and only in exceptional circumstances. His Lordship had concluded

that this was not a case where such exceptional circumstances existed and he was prepared to trust in the good commonsense of the justices, both when it of the justices, both when it came in deciding what modifications they considered fit to make to the prohibition order, and in the making of s further direction suspending the operation of the notice in order to give the constanting for the to give the opportunity for the legal issue to be tested in the High Court.

Solicitors: Blakesley & Rooth, Chesterfield.

THE LAW

Cutting out the legal jargon

andwiched between the Budget and the mid-Staffordshire by-election, the launch last week of TransAction, the Law Society's National Conveyancing Protocol Scheme, lacked the good timing necessary to achieve maximum publicity and impact. To compound the embarrassment, some rankand-file solicitors are unhappy that the society failed to deliver its

information to them on schedule.
"In terms of publicity, it has left a lot to be desired," says one solicitor. What does the Law Society think it is playing at? Its performance over the launch of the scheme could not have been worse."

But while the society is winning few plaudits for its publicity skills, its rating on the the scheme itself is high Solicitors up and down the country's high streets are applauding TransActioo as an important step in improving the efficiency of

the service they give to the public.
Stephen Gold, solicitor and author of Gold's Law, and a popularizer of legal issues, says: "I welcome TransAction as a way of cutting through the mystique which has surrounded conveyancing for far too long."

Just as important, Mr Gold says, is that the spirit of simplicity and efficiency should be carried through **Edward Fennell**

explains how the

Law Society's new TransAction scheme

> should simplify conveyancing

to lawyers' other communications with clients. "We should be missing a great opportunity if we failed to translate our correspondence into plain English. We must have consistency between the contract and the solicitors' letters."

Karen Conway, of Cranswick Watson, says: "Here in Yorkshire, it is going to make a big difference. It should definitely speed up the transaction and it should also do something to improve the image problem of solicitors." The public perception of lawyers as slow and inefficient is clearly a

many solicitors, especially as the threat of competition from the financial institutions is starting to take on formidable shape.

But the real question is whether

worry that still weighs heavily on

itors collectively in the conveyancing market place. Or, indeed, whether it will, as David Knox of Barlows, a Guildford firm, put its. enable the Law Society to steel a march on the Lord Chancellor". "I am afraid I think that we may

have gone past the point at which we could fight off the financial institutions," says Emyr Pierce, of Merrills Ede, a Cardiff legal firm. We should have done it years ago."

One observer of the legal scene believes that once the big financial institutions get involved in convey ancing offering it as part of their home-buying package, they will take 10 per cent of the market from solicitors within the first 12 months. For TransAction to be an effective marketing tool in the profession's hands, he says, it should have been launched in the mid-1980s when the house market was huoyant. Meanwhile, solicitors throughout

the country will, no doubt, be using TransAction as a publicity weapon to fight each other. Ian Slinger, of Midlands firm Owston, for example, has become the local Trans-Action guru in Leicestershire by appearing on local radio and writing for the local newspaper. A good opportunity for him, certainly, but



Solicitor Stephen Gold: "I welcome a way of cutting through the mystique"

I oppose the wind of change

n important international A change is pending which has received little attention. The UK Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods is the subject of a consultation document from the Department of Trade and Industry, dated June this year.

contractual

The convention, already ratified by 19 countries, including the United States, proposes a new law for "cross-border" sale of goods. Its provisions are complex but not comprehensive. National law of the contracting parties will still be relevant, even when the countries of both have ratified.

This is because some important elements of contract law, such as when property passes, the validity of the contract, the effect of usage, liability for death or personal injury and the essential requirement of capacity to contract, are all left to be decided by national law. National laws, of course, differ widely on the

The stated object of adopting "uniform rules which govern con-tracts for the International Sale of Should we meddle with a highly respected contracts procedures?

Goods" so as to "... contribute to the removal of legal barriers in international trade" is obviously desirable - but not so easy to achieve. It is not, regrettably, likely to be realized by ratification of the convention because so much of national law remains.

International accord on vexed questions such as the need to establish commercial benefit in relation to reliance on guarantees by a parent of a subsidiary company's liability, contracts outside the scope of a company's memorandum of association, and the like are not mentioned in the convention.

Worse, the existing certainty of our own law of contract would be undermined by provisions in Article 8 of the convention, which provides that the written terms as agreed between the parties could be displaced if one party were to rely on preceding negotiations or sub-sequent conduct as proof of the intent of either party at the time of contracting. This might displace the intention set out in the written contract itself.

Certainty as to the terms and effects of the contract is of paramount importance and would be imperilled by the provision of "con-vention law", should it apply. Two earlier conventions with the

same basic theme are already part of our law by reason of the Uniform Laws on International Sales Act 1967. There is no single case recorded of any contract subject to the provisions of this Act coming before the courts for interpretation or enforcement. The vital difference is that the earlier conventions do not apply unless the contracting parties say they shall. Presumably, few have done so. This contrasts with the provisions of the present convention in that a contract as defined would be subject to the "convention law", unless the

contracting parties expressly excluded it. The trouble is that people tend to

forget. "Convention law", if not excluded, will apply and our own business community may find itself, to its own surprise, faced with a defence, perhaps, that the other party to the contract had no capacity to contract under his/her own national law or bound by terms which our UK businessmen have never heard of, and which even then may be varied because of the intentions of the opposing party at the time or, even because of

subsequent events A further cogent point is that if the UK ratifies it, "convention law" will become part of English law. At present, English law, and the judges who administer it, are so highly regarded that of cases heard in the Commercial Court in the last year the parties were split roughly 50-50 between English and foreign litigants and, almost more surprising, nearly 30 per cent of all the cases had no English litigant at all.

This tremendous accolade for English law and for English justice must be imperilled by the UK adopting a common denominator, a "convention law" thrashed out around a negotiating table; to which nobody had seriously objected but in which there is clearly no discernible advantage, either.

Convention law is to be interpreted by the courts of all the countries concerned. This raises a somewhat daunting prospect and the unanswered question of "what hap-pens when interpretations differ?"

We must not be deceived by the glib lure of a uniformity that will not be achieved. We must not imperil the excellent status English law and its administrators undoubtedly have in the eyes of the world.

Derek Wheatley QC

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espite all the petty squabbling over the Courts and Legal Services Bill, the Bar Council and the Law Society are united in their concern over one issue: the declining level of eligibility for help under the legal aid schemes. In a joint letter to the Lord Chancellor last week, the two bodies called for an independent review of legal aid eligibility, to report within six months. They argue that the general review of the legal aid scheme announced by the Lord Chancellor last year is flawed. It will take two to three years to complete, and the focus oo the "better targeting" of tegal aid sounds suspiciously as though it will lead to a further restriction on eligibility. The fact that the review will be conducted by civil servants behind closed doors

review will be conducted by civil servants behind closed doors is also worrying, especially when the Government has hotly disputed the finding of previous reviews.

A speedy independent review is urgently needed because eligibility levels have failed to modify to take into account progressive increases in disposable income. The annual uprating of eligibility levels by 5.2 per cent does not even keep eligibility limits in line with inflation. In 1979, the head of a household with a dependent spouse and two children earning household with a dependent spouse and two children, earning an average income, was eligible for contributory legal aid. Today he would not qualify for any help under the scheme. The same individual earning two thirds of the national average income, would bave to contribute 7.02 per cent of gross income in order to qualify, compared with no cootributions in 1979.

Thile the City grumbled about the Budget, the flags went out on the desks of women all over the country. John Major hit the right button when he announced that from April 6 employees will be exempt from income tax oo the benefit of workplace nurseries provided by their employers. The exemption applies to nurseries run at the place of work or elsewhere by either the employer alone or jointly with other employers, voluntary bodies or local anthorities. The pressure oo law firms to provide nursery facilities for the growing oumbers of women lawyers, as well as the female members of their support staff, will now be intense.

B ut whether the City law firms will want to splash out on oursery facilities in these increasingly troubled times is one to querious at the manual visit of the control of opeo to questioo as the recent plight of accountancy firms has shown. Much of their fantastic growth in the late 1980s came from setting up corporate finance and management consultancy arms, high margin business which fed off the accountants staple auditing work. But in these difficult days the first thing the client is cutting back on is specialist consultancy

The premium work is dwindling away and with incomes increasing at barely 7 per cent, the accountants are starting to feel the squeeze. The City law firms have also grown used to a steady diet of advising oo mergers and aquisitions, flotations and management buy-outs, often in direct competition with the accountancy firms. And the lawyers are suffering the same drop in work. Riding on the boom, many grew rapidly, taking on more lawyers, merging and opening expensive overseas offices (especially Tokyo). City watchers anticipate signs of stress.

ecipients of the first issue of the recently launched Legal Business may have been impressed by the long list of "founder subscribers" which, the magazine claimed, gave it a "larger subscriber-base than the New Law Journal. The Solicitors Journal or the Lawyer", However, word has reached Scrivenor that some of the firms listed were rather upset to see their name used in that way. Founder subscriber meant, it seems, that a firm had indicated it was interested in seeing the new publication, with a view to subscribing, but as a later letter of from the publisher, Legalease, confirmed "It was specifically." agreed that the firm would be under no obligation to proceed. If the firm did choose to subscribe, all the partners and senior managers would receive copies at a substantial discount. Legal managers would receive copies at a substantial Business rather looks as if it has put the cart before the horse.

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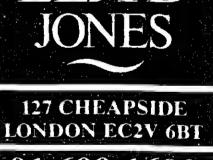
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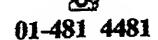
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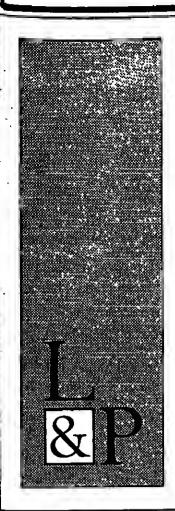
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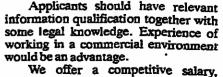


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Academic skills on the factory floor

An expanding graduate scheme is

reaping rewards for industry and

colleges. Sally Watts discovers how

much they can learn from each other

nology graduates of a good academic standard can give their career a strong start through the Teaching Company Scheme (TCS), in which they form a link between industry and a centre of higher education.

The maximum age is normally 28, and graduates - who are known as associates - should have a first or upper second degree, though this may be waived if they have particularly relevant work experience.

An associateship lasts two years. during which the graduate helps the employing company to achieve greater efficiency and competitiveness by updating and developing its processes and equipment. Throughout this time, he or she is backed by the academic staff of the university or pulytechnic partnering the

This early industrial experience greatly enhances the graduates' career prospects. John Monniot, acting director of the TCS, says: They develop very far and fast. About half stay on with their company. Many are appointed to middle management and a lnt soon reach senior management

oung science and tech- The idea is to get technically qualified managers for industry." Although not new, the scheme has developed considerably over the past few years. Today, it has 360 partnerships between industry and academic centres. Nearly every university and most poly-technics take part, and one or two institutes of higher education,

including Dorset. Originally, TCS was restricted to manufacturing technology, but now it covers virtually all areas of technology and science - includ-ing pure science - and, more recently, management. In addi-tinn, greater attention is given to formal specialist training for associates, both in their own subject and in management development.

Jamie Lyke, 23, is a relatively

new associate. Since September, he has been a manufacturing engineer with Caledonian Mining Company at Newark. After his degree in mechanical engineering, manufacturing and management at Birmingham, he did an advanced course in design, manufacture and management at Cambridge, the academic partner in his associateship.

His work, he says, offers "antonomy, scope and respon-sibility". Jamie, who hopes to join metal finishing company, King



Hands-on experience: Jamie Lyke, manufacturing engineer working at the Caledonian Mining Company

the staff when his two years end, added: "I am getting wide experience with training and the nppnrtunity tn use diverse

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A few years further on, Steve Foster, a former associate, is 29 and already in senior management

and Fowler, where he hopes to introduce a TCS. His degree was in mechanical engineering and his first jnb was as a graduate trainee. but he left to join a TCS linked with Wnlverhampton Polytechnic, believing this would be a faster route.

He was right. "It was an ideal way of growing up quickly: dealing with people un the shop floor and having contact with the two directors. The work was very

interesting.
"The scheme helped me in team

leading and management. It gave me a high profile, a lot of training and a great boost in getting my next job." He was taken on as manufacturing systems engineer with the Lucas group, one of a team set up to reorganize and modernize Lucas sites.

The TCS has four sponsors: the Department of Trade and Industry, the Science and Engineering Research Council (each contributing £6 million a year), the Economic and Social Research Council and the Department of

'Associates can develop very far and fast... about half stay on'

Economic Development for Northern Ireland. About half the programmes are with small firms, and the TCS wants to raise the number to 60 per cent.

The scheme has two main functions: to bring the expertise of academics into industry, and to develop able graduates for industrial careers, backed by practical training and a real work environment. Women associates are increasing and the TCS is keen to enrol more.

Associates are paid a full industrial salary, 60 per cent of which comes from the teaching company, the balance from the employing company, and some have a company car.

A good example of how com-panies benefit from the scheme comes from Whitecroft plc, a holding company at Wilmslow, which over the past three years has employed six associates for its small firms, specializing in textiles, engineering and lighting.

Through its partnership with Salford University, Whitecroft has gained an understanding of the long-term needs of an old-established engineering company.
Associates have helped the company to determine how best to update the machinery and to choose new equipment. Other graduates have worked on mark. eting schemes in textile and light. ing companies, backed by Sal-ford's business department, and one has helped to implement a

quality control system.
"We are very supportive of the scheme," says Dr Richard Gait, group personnel director. "It en ables us to get good young graduates and have very useful contact with the university. We are now putting nurselves forward

for three more schemes." Academic centres also benefit from the liaison between professional staff and top industrial management. Professor George Thumpson, who introduced the scheme at Nottingham Polytechnic, explains that teaching and syllabus content are enhanced through contact with the practical applications (rather than just theory) of new technology.

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Edberg transformed by inexplicable run of unforced errors

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, Key Biscayne, Florida

TENNIS players have always semi-final victim, had been been sceptical of statistics. As wondering if Edberg could Ivan Lendl says, it does not matter how many aces he serves in a match, it is when he erves them that is important, But, after his unexpected defeat by Andre Agassi in the final of the Lipton International on Sunday, Stefan Edberg should take note of one statistic: in four sets, fasting two hours seven minutes, he made 72 unforced

Not surprisingly, as there had been little sign of such fragility during the week, Edberg was at e loss to explain the sudden disintegration of his technique. Going into the final, he had won 16 out of 18 matches this year and one of those defeats was because of Indian Wells a fortnight ego.

"I just couldn't get to the ball," Edberg said. "He played very well and I was always a step behind myself. I had no times. I'd be lucky to make it timing and felt a little flat." Even after this loss, Edberg

has climbed above Becker to only a little part to play in be the world No. 2, so consis- Agassi's improved start to the tently has he played since he season. He has spent much of became Masters champion in the off season working on his November. He would have fitness under a new trainer, preferred to have done it with Gil Reyes, and his game has more style. Just 24 hours clearly benefited. Equally earlier, Emilio Sanchez, his significantly, Agassi has cut

play any better.

Edberg's enigmatic display should take nothing away from Agassi, whose own reward, apart from the \$179.500 (£112,000) first prize, was to leapfrog over Brad Gilbert to No. 4 in the rankings, Amid a background of tension over his refusal to play in the Davis Cup ne against Czechslovakia in Prague at the end of this week, Agassi bas played sparkling tennis, culminating in bis 6-I. 6-4, 0-6, 6-1 victory to take his first Lipton title and the biggest win of his career.

Edberg, in particular, will testify to the renewed zip in Agassi's legs. Several times the American retrieved volleys and overheads which injury in the final of the Edberg thought were winners, Australian Open. He had end when one desperate backbeaten Agassi in the final at hand lunge sailed over Edberg's head in the fourth set and landed on the baseline, the Swede's spirit was finally broken. "If I bit that shot 10

once," Agassi admitted. Luck, however, has had

the showmanship from his

He will still go for the spectacular if he can, but bis whole approach is more businesslike. "I feel a lot stronger than last year," Agassi said. "A lot fitter and a lot tnugher mentally. If the guys are going to beat me, they're starting to realize they are going to have to work."

The only lapse in a near flawless performance by Agassi came in the fourth set. Broken early, he simply let the set go, which seemed a dangerous tactic against someone nf Edberg's class. As it turned out, his carelessness was not exploited. When Agassi applied the pressure in the fourth ser. Edberg crumbled again, serving double-faults to lose each of his first two service

"Last year, Edberg would have been very confident going into the fourth set." Agassi added, "because he would have been thinking 'All I have to do is bang in there and he'll get tired'. That's not the case this year. I've only just scratched the surface. I can be a lot fitter than I am

PSSULTS: #3n"a singles: Final: A Agassi (US) ht S Echerg (Swe), 6-1, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2. Man"a Cousion: Final: J Pugh and R Leach US: ht B Backer (WG) and C Motte (3r), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Warmen's singles: Final: id Sales (Yug) bt J Wesner (Austra), 6-1, 6-2.

ICE HOCKEY

Two saturation raids by Bombers

By Norman de Mesquita

THE HEINEKEN League regu-lar season was completed at the seekend with the last six first division matches tying up the

They showed that Cleveland Bombers, with two double-fig-ure wins, are in excellent form as they prepare for the play-offs. A number of spectacular individual feats were the highlights of

Kevin Conway scored goals and six assists to take his total points to 188 and Timothy six assists to take his total to 163

Andre Malo, without doubt the outstanding defenceman in

the division, had a goal and 17 assists for a total of 121 points, which took him into ninth position in the individual scor-

At the other end of the table, Lee Valley Lions were once again beaten heavily and took their goals against to an embarrassing 349 in 32 games. As for the loose ends in be tied up in pool D of the world championships, which ended in Cardiff on Sunday night, Great Britain dominated the group in

nearly every department. The only one in which either of the countries was able to sbine was in goaltending and Damian Holland, who per-

formed such heroics in the Australian net, was vnted the best gealtender of the week. Tony Hand, who scored six goals and seven assists, was voted the best forward in the per the best defenceman.

Thirty-two of Great Britain's 57 goals were scored by homebred players and the reunited lan Cooper, Anthony and Stephen Johnson line topped them all with 18 goals and 14 assists.

RSSULTS: Heinzken Leegue, first di-wicher Geveland Bombers 14, Streatham Redskins 7; Swinden Wildcats 6, Telford Tigers 5: Tratford Metros 6, Humberstele Seahawks 3: Clavyland Bombers 19, Trafford Metros 6; Humberside Scahawks 9, Streatham Redskins 6; Lee Valley Llons 6, Telford Tigers 12.

Gulliver's travails and travels

ACCORDING to Bill Gulliver, ACCORDING to Bill Gulliver, running the London Marathon is the easy part. It is not the sort of statement you expect to hear from someone preparing to take nn the 26-mile slog around London's streets.

But fir Gulliver, aged 54, the experienced purpose of many a

experienced runner of many a marathon from New York in Si Albans, joint founder of the Albans, Jaint founder in the Varves charity, marriage guidance and bereavement counseilor, and blind to boot, lining up at the start alongside 30,000 athletes signals the end of months of hard work.

"It is very important that I

"It is very important that I take part in the marathon whenever I can, because each whenever I can, because each time I am running for important causes and charities." he says. "Actually getting into the race, thuting for PR publicity and sponsorship is like carrying Mount Everest on your shoulders. Running is the easiest part

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- it's like running on air all the

way round."
This year, as one of The

Times and Unisys entrants, Gulliver will be raising money for REAP — the Reading Emermr REAP — the Reading Emer-gency Accommodation Project. The charity runs a night shelter offering fund, beds and rehabilitation for the bomeless and is trying to buy and equip a halfway bouse to belp the bumeless to cope no their nwn nnce they have found permanent accommodation.

who also is blind, devote most of their time and energies to a wide range of charitable causes through their own organization, Varves. Standing for Voluntary Agency Reading Versatile Emergency Services, the Gulliver network is a collection ageocy bnarding everything from clothes to books to old cookers.

In training for his third London Marathon, Gulliver is irritated by most people's re-sponse to his achievements, "When I tell people what I have done, they are amazed," he said.
"They tell me they chuldn't run a marathon and they're not even blind, People see mc as blind first and an athlete secood." Gulliver has to run with two

escorts to steer him through the crowds in the London Marathon but, unlike some other blind athletes, he is not physically tied to them. "They just push me left nr right to get me past," be said. But on training runs he some-times goes unaccompanied. At well over 6ft and running with a white stick, he is hard to miss. But I bump into people quite often, he said,

Once while training in the Reading University grounds,



The blind man who leads the sighted: Gulliver, a giant in a field of 30,000, laces up for action

careered into a group of by-standers, flattening two and knocking over a third. "But they didn't say anything. They thought by keeping quiet I wouldn't know where they were. Even when I spoke to them they still kept quiet."

Guilliver finds that this is a common reaction after such occasion people have taken a silent swing at him rather than apologize or help. But be warned: "I'm very quick. Once I hear them move I can catch them and then I've got them."

Constant collisions have in the past eroded Gulliver's confidence. "It's not just the fright but the thought of what could have been," he said. He decided to seek professional advice to see if there were any gadgets or devices to help him avoid the great British public as he ran. There was none. "But," he said, "they suggested I wear a large white T-shirt with I am a blind

His other sporting passions are tennis and archery. A bell inside the tennis ball tells him where the ball is. "It's fine provided there is spin on the ball," Gulliver said. "But some of the ladies I play against hit the ball very flat and the bell remains static inside, so they

He is also working with the engineering department of Reading University to build a system of sensors and sonie devices to give bim a more accurate picture of the court.

Gulliver will try anything once, When the British Parachute Association refused to let n jump because he was blind, the Royal Green Jackets offered to take him up instead. Never one to miss an opportunity to raise money for charity, Gulli-ver completed his 10,000ft free-fall jump for the Orlando Fund to send sick children to Disneyworld in Florida. "I don't do these things for selfaggrandizement, but there is a

blind and it belps publicity for the charities.

"Pam and I don't want to get to the end of our lives and look back across a void, a desert. Being blind can be an advantage. When we achieve nur goals there is a certain incredulity from the public. We feel we have to be seen to be proving

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Handsome double for Scots diver

By Mike Lamb PETER Smith, the Scutland international, who is studying at Jordanhill College, took the highboard and springboard titles in the British students' diving champinnships at Leeds

over the weekend.
Winning both events with a handsome margin. Smith left Erwin Cunnliff, from the Cultege of Ripon and York St Juhn, and Julian Bellan, of Leeds Polytechnic, in battle for second and third places in the spring-board, with Cunnliff coming nur on ton Bellan took silver in the on top. Bellan took silver in the bighboard, finishing 50 points behind Smith, but 80 points up

behind Smith, but 80 points up nn the third-placed Phil Stnne, of Liverpool University.

Jean nette Bnnih, of Loughborough University, wan the women's diving titles, beating Kirsty Jahnson, al Nattingham Polytechnic, both times.

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· Heien Walsh, of Swansea University, unbeaten in student swimming, retained her 400 metres freestyle. 200 metres breaststroke and 200 metres individual medley titles at the BSSF long-course champinn-ships, helping Swansea women's team to British Universities and UAU team titles. Three gold medals also went to Sean MeQuaid, eaptain of Loughborough University, who finished clear leaders in the men's championships. Loughborough also secured overall victory.

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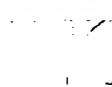
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Balestre adds own brand of madness

São Paulo

IT IS never quite clear whether the people with bodyguards are simply being sensible, or whether they are in a terminal stage of egoma-nia. However, it has been sug-gested that Jean Marie Balestre has long since ceased to find this a useful distinction.

Formula One is mad: there is no escaping that fact. And Balestre, the 68-year-old Frenchman who is president of the sport's ruling body, FISA, came here to watch the Brazilian Grand Prix, and gave one of sport's more deeply eccentric press conferences to mark the occasion. "I have come, so that Once again you can attack me," he announced grandly. Where the jokes ended and the real life began was never quite clear with Balestre

One of the most touching souvenirs of this race were Balestre T-shirts, which were outselling even Ayrton Senna Tshirts in the crowded streets around the Interlagos circuit.



They bear an obscene inscription, in English, addressed to Balestre. The S in Balestre has been unkindly replaced by a swastika. This is not only a back-handed tribute to Balestre's renowned autocratic notion of presidency, it is also a reference to stories published in France and Germany suggesting that Balestre in his youth had an involvement with a Nazi party — stories that have led

to litigation.
This did not stop the Brazilian crowd taunting him with a chorus of "Sieg Heil" when he took a walk along the pit lane before final qualifying on Saturday. Even without this, the occasion was bizarre enough as Balestre made his walkabout with a group of minders straight out of Central All three wore the *de rigueur* black shades and undertaker's suits. And the boss minder carried a sort of violin case everywhere he and Balestre went; it is said to have contained a Uzi sub-

Balestre has certainly had a good few death threats from a Brazilian direction. Naturally, these all revolve around the extraordinary Ayrton Senna. To Brazilians, Senna was robbed of the world championship by Balestre: robbed as a matter of

personal spite. Their sporting differences have become a feud between two men. Senna was disqualified from a race last year, later massively fined, and threatened with a ban from the sport after saying that Balestre had "manipulated" the world championships in favour of Alain Prost, of France. In short, it has all got personal. And Brazil hates

alestre for it. Balestre had been expected to miss out this grand prix: had been emphatically, communication

diagnosed as suffering from a diplomatic disease. He had, he diplomatic disease. He had, he said, been genuinely unwell: "I am an old man, and I had open heart surgery four years ago." But he came to Brazil anyway: "Forty-eight hours ago I said I would not be here"

A monarch's duty is to be with his people in their hour of need. The dramatic financial move instigated by the new president of Brazil, Fernando Collor, has thrown the never very screne world of Formula One into panic.
There were problems getting the
tyres through Customs; there were even problems finding enough local currency to buy the food for the mechanics. So the president had to fly out. Noblesse oblige. The perverse pleasure of facing a roaring public was another rea-son," he said.

He then read out a letter he had written to Collor. It was, quite

from one president - one ruler to another. "It is the reason for which I take the liberty to ask you to give the necessary orders to your Government in order that all the necessary assistance be given to all entrants in the world championship. I myself, in spite of procarious health state, have decided to go to São Paulo ... in order to personally control that all condition for the success of a good

grand prix, are met." That is all sic and most odd; odder still to have this printed out and then dealt around as a press handout. And with that Balestre switched into full general De Gaulle mode, and thundered out, arms upraised: "C'est - notre - championat du monde! C'est le championat du monde de la FIA."

The president of the FIA — the

Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile - is also Jean Marie Balestre. Quel surprise. For notre,

read *mon.*Balestre then appeared to prof-fer admonitions along the lines

that Brazil had no automatic right to a grand prix. He told a story about how he had put Corsica in its place over last year's Corsica Rally. It had tried to break away from Balestre's control. It had failed. An instructive story, ch?

With that, Balestre patted a lot of heads, issuing congratulations for the "extraordinary feat" of getting the circuit ready in four months, adding praise to the previous mixture of threats and buffoonery.
This remarkable old gentleman

controls his sport absolutely. All sports are the domain of power seekers: people who seek power in sport because they believe their sport is the most - the only important thing in the world. Formula One demonstrates this

obsessiveness more than most; but then Formula One has always been madder than most, as well. Power makes you odd; absolute power sends you completely barking ... I wonder if that is the moral of this sporting weekend in Brazil.



RUGBY UNION

Stylish England do not deserve to be wholly forgotten

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Williams Australian anger

Board's (IRFB) anoual meeting

last Friday was as oothing to the fury echoing out of Australia over the weekend.

"Gutless" and "shell-backed lilywhites" were two of the choicer descriptions applied to

the delay by the board over the amateur regulation relacion to "communication for reward." Simoo Poidevin, Australia's

most-capped player whose auto-hiography (to be published in May) is entitled For Love Not Money, said: "The players have just had a gutful of this.

"We have been waiting for 10 years for a decision on this. Why should we wait another six

should we wait another six months? You have to ask who are the officials runoing this game for. I think the southern hemisphere should go out and do their own thing. I doo't want to see the game going fully professional but players must have some incentive to stay and lay methy and not get hard.

play rugby, and not get lured away."

Niek Farr-Jones, the Austra-lian captain, hinted that players might take matters into their own hands ocarer the time of the 1991 World Cup if they were

not permitted to receive money

1990 for Scotland's grand against it in any one season slam, not for the team that and England, in three came second," David Sole, the matches, destroyed their opp-Scotland captain, said in the onents in a more clinical hour of his country's triumph. fashion than they have done It was an entirely under- for years. By contrast, only standable reaction at the end one score stood between the of an exhausting 80 minutes Scots and defeat in both which brought all the honours Lansdowne Road and Cardiff. of this season's five nations' championship to Murrayfield, though, Scotland's attitude but it would be a pity if it were served them better. A lot of entirely true.

came second, contributed so grier" for success than Eng-much to the championship land, of England believing the that they do not deserve to be pre-match hype; since Eng-so harshly written off. If an land have won so few rugby entirely neutral party made a honours since the war they video of this season's high-lights, I suspect there would be starving and throughout the more of England than Scot- season their feet stayed firmly land in it and such a video rooted to the ground. On the would also serve to highlight day, there were identifiable the context of this season's factors why Scotland won championship — one country, one of which was the fact that France, at odds with itself and the game was at Murrayfield.

rrance, at odds with riseit and two — Ireland and Wales — undergoing an identity crisis.

Although the history books will not necessarily acknowledge it, the winners of the winners of state will be told that it was a poor wear. That will tion to the concentity of surface and the concentration of it was a poor year. That will tion to the generality of rugby: not affect Scotland's players, what he got (and it may be of nor would it have affected some comfort to Scotland that England's; all any country can they share this "fault" with

steps in

for Evans

DAVID Evans, the Cardiff, stand-off half, who was invited

to captain Wales in the inter-

nacional sevens tournament in

Hong Kong this weekend, was forced to withdraw from the party which left yesterday (David Hands writes).

Evans's domestie season is over after the shoulder jojury be

sustained during the inter-national against Ireland oo

Saturday.

Aled Williams, the uncapped

Bridgend stand-off, replaces him and although a new captain has not yet been named, the choice is presumably between

Chris Bridges, the Neath scrum. half, and Colin Hillman, of

South Wales Police.

Wales, the only national side

competing from the four home unions, are joiced by the Barbarians and Scottish Borders. The Barbarians include Jeremy Guscott, the Bath and England centre, who has excited.

the interest of Huddersfield. eleventh in the second division

of rugby league's Stones Bitter championship.

PEOPLE will remember do is beat the best arrayed New Zealand) was a committed adherence to a simple fence and a coach, captain and 14 other players in complete harmony as to their ob-

That was enough to defeat all other comers, therefore Scotland are deserving champions and the game north of the border should thrive When it came to the crunch, because of it, giving young-sters who no longer are taught the game in school some rubbish was spoken at the England, the team which time of the Scots being "hunworthwhile heroes. The same is true in England, for Will Carling's team scored 90 points in their four matches with a panache and a style worthy of emulation.

Roger Uttley, their coach, may possibly regret the "stamp of greatness" tag which he affixed to England after their demolition of Wales hut their season overall was not a ruin because they lost one match to which so

at board's delay

By David Hands

THE DISAPPOINTED reaction of some of the leading British players to the loternational Rugby Football verdict since it is due to report

for writing books or for making personal appearances, although in the forwards. Western Samoa is the other nation competing.

many prizes adhered.

"We have a longer-term target and part of the approach with the players has been to deter them from building everything into one game,"
Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said on the eve of the

to the interim meeting in

Australian officials were in sympathy with their players. Joe French, the ARU president, applied the lilywhite description to those countries — Ireland, Scotland and England — who had opposed change and Australia may be piqued that

they have on representative on the working party, which is chaired by Sir Ewart Bell (Ire-land) and includes repre-

sentatives from New Zealand, Wales, Scotland and England.

Any suggestion of a split with the IRFB was played down by Bob Fordham, the ARU general executive, who said: "We uoder-

executive, who said: "We uoder-stand how they [the players] feet because we share their views eotirely. But I'm absolotely con-vinced the board will see the light between oow and October and the law will change. There is oo way we would consider cutting des with the board. We would simply be cutting off our nose to spite our face."

ose to spile our face."

SUVA: Fiji beat Tonga 19-9
in the opening match of the
South Pacific three nations'
tournament in Nuku'alofa yesterday (AFP reports). Fiji scored

two tries to one and dominated

Australian officials were in

British judo yearns for Olympic gold

A nation's hopes rest on slender shoulders

By Nicolas Soames

AFTER four Olympic silver medals — Dave Starbrook, Keith Remfrey and two from Neil Adams — British jodo yearns for an Olympic gold. If it comes in Barcelona io 1992, the chances are that it will be not from the ranks of the muscular men, but from the diminutive Karen Briggs.

THE TIMES/MINET SUPREME AWARD



Four times world champion, six times European champioo, six times European champioo, winner of every big title in judo and without doubt Britain's most consistent fighter, Briggs, aged 26, has set her determined sights on Barcelona.

"Anything can happen in two and a half years, as I know only too well," Briggs said. Her career has oscillated between glittering success and injury."I can only say that I hope I have

can only say that I hope I have had my fair share of broken bones, and I am due for a clear run to Barcelona."
She sees injury as the first

obstacle to be overcome; second is the wherewithal to train. "I am very pleased with this £5,000 from The Times/Minet awards," she declared. "When I came back from New Zealand. after winning the Common-wealth Games, I was worried; although I have a Sports Aid Foundation grant, other sponsorship had come to an

Briggs needs the support to maintain the training routine that has proved successful to date. The specialist technical work — done in the environ-ment of the British women's squad under the tutelage of Roy squad under the intelage of Roy Imman — maintains and broad-ens her throwing and ground-work skill in what is, technically, one of the most complex sports. Behind her accomplished technique lies an extreme level of physical fitness and mental strength that has made her virtually unassailable. It is significant that, in her assess-ment of her changes for Olymment of her chances for Olym-pie success — and that means only the gold medal — she never once mentioned the opponents

once mentioned the opponents she was likely to meet.

These qualities are developed in her home environment, on her own. She lives with her father, Albert, on the edge of Hull; there she finds the privacy vital for her preparation.

Six days a week she runs, swims and pushes her body through a routine that would impress a baller dancer, and a



A fighter is handed a fighting chance : Briggs, with help from Gordon, lifts her cheque

weights routine that impresses Elvis Gordon, even though her fighting weight is 48kg. She does not admit to anyone that the task of winning that clusive Olympic gold medal for Beitalo is graymous. Briggs woo

Britaio is enormous. Briggs woo her first world otle in 1982 and

her first world o'tle in 1982 and lost it only once when she broke ber leg in 1987.

The pressure of being at the top must begin to tell, though there was no sign of it when she regained her world title last October. "It want to take it easy this year," she said. Her only concern is to regain the European title in Frankfurt io May.

The Times Wines. Somether

The Times/Minet Sopreme Awards are part of a £2 millioo spoosorship package from Minet — the London-based firm of international insurance bro-kers - to betp fund Britain's preparations for the 1992 Olympreparations for the 1992 Olym-pics. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport

Japan's leading ladies take the London stage

FOR the first time, Japan's leading female judo fighters -including Karen Briggs's rival, the world silver medal winner, Fumiko Esaki — will be seen in Londoo when they compete in the British Open at Crystal Palace oo April 7 and 8.

Acknowledgement of the standard of womeo's judo in Britaio came from nooe other than Ukemitsu Kano, the grand-son of the founder of judo, J son of the founder of Judo, J
igoro Kano. "Especially we pay
our respects to the judo activity
of your country," he wrote to
Mick Leigh, chairman of the
British Judo Association."tt
seems to be the huh of women's
judo in the world."

Roy Inman, the British team manager, is delighted with the

compliment. "They are coming because they don't understand why we have been so successful we don't appear to have a recognizable style the way the French, Germans or Japanese themselves have.

"Karen Briggs is very dif-ferent to Diane Bell, who is also very different to Sharoo Lee. But that is because we work on different things — it is a quesdoo of being very flexible, of horses for courses."

There is also a possibility that women's team from the Soviet Unioo will compete - their entry has yet to be confirmed in addition to entries from 12 other countries, including France, Austria, Canada and The Netherlands.

BOXING

A flawed genius in search of titles

By Sriknmar Sen Boxing Correspondent

tF Kirkland Laing had any more brains he would have been the world's greatest inventor. He would have been able to turn base metal into gold. But the Noningham welterweight devoted himself to another kind of science and became the world's only hoxing genius, some would say a flawed genius, and some a floored one.

Like most geniuses he has found little reward for his i5 years' experimentation with boxing, just the British utle. The 35-year-old inventor should have won the world title many years ago, after all he is one of a select few to have beaten the Roberto Duran.

But like most geniuses he is interly unpredictable. He loses interest when boxing bis opponents' cars off. On one occasion-he was even found to be-whistling a tune io between rounds to relieve the boredom. Often he loses concentration and gets caught.
The last man to "chio" him

was Buck Smith, an American journeyman. Laing was just too good for his own good for six. rounds. That was in January: It was his first deteat in England

Tonight at the Grosvenor House, London, he defends against another Smith, Trevor, from Harlow. It should be one-way traffic again, unless Laing. loses concentration.

It has been said that after the shock of Smith No. I he will not slip up against Smith No. 2. But it might be best to rememoet wat Coin Jones, after Kism every round, knocked him out in the moth in April 1980, anddid exactly the same in April Smith is tough and aggressive

and has the punch to stop Laings
But as he relies on wearing his
opponent down he may not,
have the skill to corner the slippery champion first.

"Smith is a very tough oppo-nent." said Dennie Mancini, who tooks after Laing when his manager, Miekey Duff, is out of

"There should be no loss of concentration this time." Man-cini said. "He has been training with Michael Watson and han-dled him well. I don't think he is going to give Smith any opensings. Uoless age catches up withhim or he does something crazy."

The only way Smith can wing is by casting boxing aside and charging after Laing, "When George Collins started to box. Laing we knew there was no way, he could win." Mancini said. It should be a second win with the could win. should be an entertaining

 Amateur hoxing officials are to iovestigate an incident at Saurday's ABA semi-finals at Longbridge, when Geoff McCreesh, the Home Counties champion, went ioto the crowd when fighting broke out among supporters at the start of the third round of his welterweight bout with Robert McCracken. He was ushered back to the ring hy cornermen and disquali-fied.

e ENGLAND 15 GROUP (v itsly st Woherhampton on April 14); T Stimpson. (Silcostes): A Razaki (Loughborough GS); K Wolfenders (Bedtond School), N Ryss (Mourt St May's), P Homby (Hymers): S Howard (Duheich), O Roberts [Duhamit); N Tampoet (King's, Tsumon), S Perkin (St Nets CS), R Winter (Dobingham), A Vanteer (Millied), A Edwards (Lewes Priory), G Archer (Biddick), K Yartes (Prince Henry GS, Otby), 2 Wyre-Roberts (Bedford School). SRU seeks to avoid a capacity cut

is to seek dispensation from much shelter for spectators.

The reality facing the SRI Taylor report in order to avert a to bring forward its plans to drastic pruning of the capacity at Murrayfield for the 1991 stadium. "The cost of two stadium."

capacity of \$3,500 to just under 45,000 and that, Bill Hogg, the \$1.2 million of interest-free SRU secretary, said, "is not what we want to see. We want to building of the East stand. maximize attendance at this prestigious event." Speaking at Murrayfield yes-

terday. Hogg went on to say:
"We have had discussions already with the Scottish minister for sport, Michael Forsyth, and he is very sympathetic to our problem. We have pointed out that Murrayfield is a very spacious ground and that there bave never been erowd

The alternative short-term solution would be to erect temporary seating accommodation at either end of the Murrayfield stadium but, as Hogg explained, this would be

The reality facing the SRU is World Cup.

The reductions of 20 per cent.

per seasoo in the standing areas

would diminish the present is a huge sum for us to raise.

loans to be repaid from the building of the East stand. "We will be asking for assistance from the Government. We

are not eligible for grants from from the ground improvement trust, our are we included in the assistance being given to foot-ball clubs for necessary im-plementation of the Taylor report. If we do want a new staod to be ready for the 1991 World Cup then we shall have to make a decision hy, at the latest, the end of the summer," he

Speaking about the problem of tickets being re-sold at vastly inflated prices, Hogg said that the SRU had received informa-

THE SCOTTISH Rugby Union costly and would not afford sources. "Tickets that were sup-is to seek dispensation from much shelter for spectators." plied to schools and clubs apparently reached touts and unofficial hospitaltity organizers," he said. "We will be having a meeting with the police later this week but no action will be taken against clubs or schools until we have received more On the matter of fixtures,

Hogg revealed that Scotland will pizy England for the first time at under-19 level on April 28 at Ayr. The match will immediately precede the second half of a double header between Scotland under-21 and Wales under-21. Ten days earlier the Digital youth final will take place at Murrayfield a week sooner than originally scheduled, as is the case for the match between English Students under-21 and Scotland under-21 at Fylde on

April 11. The first draft of next year's fixture lists reveals that the McEwan's national leagues will start on September 22 and that also in that month Leinster play Edinburgh on September 8.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL (7.30 unless stated) International match

N Ireland v Norway (Windsor Park. **B** Internationals Rep of Ireland v England (3.0)... **Barclays** League

Fourth division

Aldershot v Wreichan Torquev v Halitax B & Q Scottish League First division Alloa v Albiori ...

Civde v Hamilton. Clydebank v Meadowbank Morton v Forfar..... Second division . E Sturfing v Stirling Montrose v Dumbarton... GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet v Wycombe

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Bishop's Stortford.

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Ayabotast. Vendon; Grays v Bookstord.

First division: Kingsbury v Borokstor. First division: Kingsbury v Borokstorn Wood; Metropolitan Police v Harrow: Walton and Horshem v Dorlong; Whyteleafe v Hamptin. Second division: saste: Capton v Hetaal Hempetsed (7.45); Latateacht v (7.45). HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division:

Coine Dynamoes v Casmartor, Fleet-wood v Marine; Gainsborough v Goole; Witton v Horwich, First division: Alfreton v Andey Bay: Harrogete v Accrington; ancesterv Emley; Newtown v Droytsden;

Lancaster v Emiey; Newtown v Droytsden;
Rosendele v Irlam.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Dorchester v Deritord; Gloucester v Asnford; Wasenlooville v Crawley, Nid-land division: Stourbridge v Surton Cold-field. Southern division: Duratible v Bashley; Enth and Belvedere v Sneppey; Mergare v Buckingnam (7.45).
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bradions City v Derby; Coventry v

BASKETBALL: Screensport 1.30-Spm and 1tpm-12.30am; College metch: Highand Tight-12.5cent Consequences regar-lights of the ACC championships European 4-5.30pm and 10pm-midnight College match, and highlights from the European Cap. SKLUARDS: Eurosport 12-1em (tomor-

SILLIARDS: Eurosport 12-1em (tomorrow'r Highlights of the three-cushion European Cup from Sweden.

BOXBNG: Eurosport 12-1pm: Superbouts: Leonard v Bentse: from Las Vegas: Screensport 7-8-30pm: Professional event from the Urited States.

CROCKET: SKY ONE 3-10-10pm: West Indies v England: Third Teet: Live coverage of the fourth day from Trinidad: BBCT 120-512-35em (tomorrow): Highlights of the fourth day.

EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8:30-9um.

EUROSPORT - WHAT A WEEK: Eurosport 6-7pm: Review of the week's

Manchester United (7.0): Leeds v Manchester City (7.0): Notts County v Newcestle; Olchem v Aston Villa (7.0): Second division: Grimstry v Blackspool (7.0): Rotherham v Sunderland (7.0): Sheff Wed v York (7.0): Wigan v Barnsley (7.0). GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier de RUGBY UNION

OTHER SPORT IOXING: Kiridand Laing v Trevor Grosvenor House Hotel).

SPORT ON TV

ICE HOCKEY: Europpert 9-11am: Nat-lonal Hockey League: Game of the week: New Jersey Devils v Bufralo Sabrea, and North American League: Screensport 11.30am-1.30pm: National Hockey LINGUIS.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT:

Eurosport 11am-midday: Mayers from around the world. MOTORCYCLING: Eurosport 1-2pm; Japanese GP: Highlights of the 125, 250 and 500cc, from the Suzuka circuit. MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 3-4pm World Relly championships: Highlights of the 1980 Portugues may: Eurosport 8 Spm: Forsule Once Highlights of the Brazillan GP from Sao Paulo. POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL Screensport 6.30-7.30pm.

TENPIN BOWLING: Screensp 10am: Highlights of the PBA championatalpa from Ohio.

UPDATE: So

VOLLEYBALL

Williams levels angry broadside at the EVA

decision which could have deprived his team of the title. On Sunday, Brixton went into their final fixture with Britan-nia, the defending champions. requiring only one set to elinch the title. However, the competitions commission of the EVA met on Saturday to discuss an appeal by Hilton Leeds after an earlier decision to allow Brixton's League win over the

to stand after a mix-up over the The commission ruled the result of the match, which Brixton woo 3-0, should be reversed, since Brixtoo were at fault for the mix-up. Brixton thus had to beat Britanois, which they did only after five

Yarkshire club, on November 5,

hard-fought sets. "I only heard about the decision at 10pm on Saturday night and the girls in the team

JEFFERSON Williams, who guided Brixton Knights to the morning. Williams said yeswomen's first division title in terday. I plan to take this the Royal Bank of Scotland further and, if that means kicking up a storm at the League ball Association (EVA) after a Williams, in his capacity as coach to the England senior men's team, has included Mat-thew Jones, aged 18, Ironi

Dalston Old Boys, in his squad for this weekend's British championships, involving Eng. 2 land and Scotland, in Glasgow. land and Scotland, in Glasgow. 9

ENGLAND SQUAD: R Dobelt (Tourn's Mauron Majory). 5 Dates (Tourn's Malory). 5 Dates (Tourn's Majory). 7 Downes (Teem Mazuno Majory). 7 Downes (Teem Mazuno Makey). 7 Pincent (Speedwell Rucanor). 9 Julierton (Sur Aguis). P. Newton (Reebok Liverpool City). G Seith (Reebok Liverpool City). G Seith (Reebok Liverpool City). J Janksweld (Polonia). A Bienskoz (Supu. Finand). Il Jones (Dalston Ots Boys).

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Choicely-bred fillies to collect for Wragg

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

A DOUBLE for the Newmarket trainer Geoff Wragg and his new stable jockey Gary Carter looks a distinct possibility at Leicester today with Vote In Favour (2.0) and Casamurrae (4.5),

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Both are beautifully-bred fillies who could well end up contesting much better races later io the seasoo than those that confront them now.

Vote In Favour, my selection for the Keythorpe Maiden Stakes, is by General Assembly out of Favoridge who is by Riva Ridge out of Favoletta, the winner of the Irish 1,000 Guineas in 1971.

This is the famous female family tracing back to Horama that served the Moller brothers so well for so long. Following the death of Eric

Moller, the vast majority of his bloodstock was bought last autumn by Sheikh Mohammed, whose colours Vote In Favour will carry this

In her only race last year, she was a creditable second to the more experienced Lip Sing oo today's track in November. With that experience behind her she should be capable of going one better in this com-

Casamurrae, who is my choice to win the Harborough Fillies Stakes, is very closely related to her owner Sir Philip Oppen-heimer's 1982 1,000 Guineas

2.15 The Leggett 2.50 New Halen.

Going: firm

3.20 De Pluvinel.

winner, On The House. In the second of her two races last season, which was also on the same midland

track, Casamurrae was beaten a head only by Surpassing. She should only have to give a repeat performance this afternoon to gain a coveted vic-

On the jumping front at Sandown Park, another double for Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore looks on the cards, thanks to The Leggett (2.15) and Torside (3.50).

Once it would have been foolhardy to oppose Kilhrittain Castle in a race such as the Save & Prosper 'Right O'The Line' Handicap Chase as Fulke Walwyn's old war horse has accumulated 11 victories on the track. Last time out, however, it looked as though the sparkle of days gone by was missing I much prefer The Leggett; who has been in fine form all this seasog as his form figures

clearly indicate. Torside, my selection for the Vsel Alanbrooke Memorial Chase, returned to form at Newton Ahbot 13. days ago when fitted with blinkers for the first time.

wearing them again this after- neck in a hunter chase at the ning for the fourth time on the sporting chance to triumph Esher course when accounting again.

3.50 Torside. 4.20 SPRINGHOLM (nap).

SANDOVN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 3.50 TORSIDE (nap).

Brian Beel's selection; 4.55 Summons.

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BETTING: 4-4 Clare Mountain, 7-4 The Leggen, 7-2 Kilbrittain Casde, 20-1 others.

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FORM FOCUS CLARA MOUNTAIN, good to firm) here latest when 38! 4th to Springholm, the statest when 38! 4th to Springholm, and 4!, good to firm) earlier in the season, 2! 2nd to laudishes Boy ower the same course and distance latest with KALBERTTAIN CASTLE (11b better off) a short head 3rd.

KILBERTTAIN CASTLE, nine times a chase winner here, desponding since; slowly away (2m 18yd.) 3-election: CLARA MOUNTAIN

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320 ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLD CUP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,810: 3m 118yd) (9 runners)
301 U/31P-42 DE PLUVINEL 18 (CD,G,S) (6 Prest) G Prest 17-12-7 J Trice-Rolph
302 P192U4 ROBCOE MARVEY 7 (C,F,G,S) (P Splost) C Brooks 8-12-7 G Oxley
303 P41P-84 COOLCOITE 18 (CD,S) (L-Col R Symonds) L-Col R Symonds 14-12-8 G Oxley
304 OXP4R DOCK BRIEF 10 (D,F) (17 Training Regiment Royal Artillery) R 9-12-0 R Inglessant (7)
305 PO4P-04 NIGH RUDGE 18 (B,G,S) (45 Reic Regiment R A) J Simison 11-11-7 Mej R Webb-Bewen
306 SORFF MAJOR TOM 36 (D,F,S) (1 WRIS) H Wats 13-11-7 P Shakospears (7)
307 P/3PPUP RIGHT CARD 25 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Burges) P Bailty 12-11-7 J Wingfield-Oighy (7) 9-99
308 P5000/ SASPRING 322 (B,F,G,S) (R Evarus) M Evans 15-11-7 J Wingfield-Oighy (7) 9-99
309 222404 ROCKMARTRI S (F,S) (S McKeown) J Johnson 6-11-3 J Beardeali 78
BETTING: 9-4 ROSCOE Harvey, 3-1 Right Card, 5-1 Rockmartin, 6-1 De Pitvinel, 8-1 Coolcotts, 16-1 Dock
Brief, 12-1 Major Tom, 16-1 orders.

1988: DE PLUVINEL 16-11-7 J Trics-Rolph (5-4) D Prest 8 rsn

FORM FOCUS DE PLUVINEL neck poer course and distance last time (good to firm) with COOLCOTTE (4lb better off) 351 4th.

ROSCOE NARVEY every chance when hit last and westerned in Forthwell handicap (2m 2f 110yd, firm) won by Brasidest Cer.

DOCK SMIEF more than a distance 4th to The

LEICESTER

Selections

BETTING: 2-1 New Halen, 7-2 All Jeff, 9-2 Brandseton, 6-1 Running Sands, 8-1 Tumberry Davin, Lucy Of Baldwin, 20-1 Boschandel.

for Tarconey and Baies at the last meeting.

Springholm bounced back

to his best at the start of that same programme with a decisive victory in the Dick McCreery Cup. Now I strongly fancy his charge of winning the Royal Ordnance Handicap Chase over the same trip, and he is my nap to

beat Mandray and Ringmore. The British Aerospace Ra-pier Novices' Chase looks an ideal opportunity for New Halen to prove that his shock win at Cheltenham, where he swept away with the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup at 66-1, was no fluice.

In contrast, All Jeff, his main rival this afternoon, fell at Cheltenham.

Roscoe Harvey, who is the form horse for the Royal Artillery Gold Cup, will need to perform a great deal better than he did at Fontwell Park a week ago, when he finished last of four.

I prefer to rely on De Playinel, who is attempting to capture this race a third time, having won it in 1983 and again last year.

Belying his 17 years, De Not surprisingly, he will be Pluvinel ran Father Brady to a noon when his most dan-gerous rival would appear to be Memberson, who was win-Prest's old favourite has a

runners)



Springholm, seen winning at Newbury for Richard Dunwoody despite an untidy jump at the last, is strongly funcied to capture the Royal Orduance Chase at Sandown

3.50 VSEL ALANBROOKE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (27,132: 3m 118yd) (6

Long handicap: Faile Na Hinse 8-7, John O'Det 9-1, Jim Bowle 7-5.

BETTING: 11-8 Memberson, 11-4 Long Engagement, 4-1 Torside, 9-1 Felle Na Hinse, 12-1 John O'Dee, 20-1 Jim Bowle.

1988: BALLYHANE 8-12-0 R Rowe (7-4 fav) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM FOCUS 1.0NG MENT 127 9th 10 Ketabatic at Chelenham (2m, good to firm). Yet to with beyond 2m. TORSEDE runs off same mark as when easily beating Classic Hero by 101 at Newton above (3m 2f 100yd, good to noth) latest.

MEMBERSON, four times a course and distance winner here, came with a strong late run to beat Selection: TORSEDE

4.20 ROYAL ORDNANCE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,172: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

FORM FOCUS SPRINGHOLM best RINGMORE (3th better off) by 77 over course and distance (good to first) latest, RINGMORE previously 1% (3rd to Marejo at Cattlerick (2m, good to soft).

| Cattlerick (2m, good to soft), 1% (3rd to Marejo at Cattlerick (2m, good to soft), 1% (3rd to M

4.55 RMC GROUP UBIQUE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,730: 2m 4f 68yd) (10

DyestPP- RUDOLPH MOLE 326 (G) (Capt M Watson) Capt M Watson 7-12-2 Capt M Watson (7) 70
P1FF-05 BUNIMONS 22 (CD.F.Q.S) (A Embiricos) Miss A Embiricos 11-12-2 Miss A Embiricos (7) 9 30
1/565-U2 TEAM APPROACH 21 (D.F.G) (D Bloor) 0 Bloor 9-12-2 0 Bloor (7) 86

FORM FOCUS RUDOLPH MOLE (alled to complete in two
starts following 8i defeat of LIGHT DEMON (3ib better off) at Fatianham (2m, good) last term.
SUMMICHS has won a ladies' open at Tweseldown
(good to firm) since 30i 5th to Perroquet at Leicoster
(2m 4t, good to 50f) earlier this month.

TEAM APPROACH distance 2nd to Eastern Destiny

In hunters' avent at Warwick (2m 4t, good to 50f), and to Massmonth.

INLEE AN LAD poor 7th to Father Brady here (3m
18yd) earlier this month; ister fair 3rd to Levantage
Lad m point-to-point at Larkhill.

Selection: SUMMICNS

Course specialists

Per cent 33.3 20.0 18.9 13.3 18.3 15.3

KINORO (A White) R Hollinsheart 9-0
SIR BASIL (M Telbot-Ponsonby) M Sell 9-0
CARESS (E Chasars Britishaw) Mrs N Macadoy 8-9
LATIN MASS (G Noel) J Berry 8-9
MYSTICAL MELI (Sunlower Parmership) J Whenton 6-8.

1968: DANCING MUSIC S-0 J Carroll (Evens fav) J Berry 7 ran

SETTING: 11-8 Lebn Mass. 9-4 Sir Basil, 4-1 Kinoko, 8-1 Caress, 12-1 Mystical Mell.

3.0 KIBWORTH CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

2.30 BESCABY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,406: 5f) (5 runners)

TRAINERS

WITH GODS HELP had fair form when trained in | Selection: SPRINGHOLM

401 217030 LONG ENGAGEMENT 14 (C.F.Q.S) (A Armitage) O Nicholson 9-11-12.
402 P2-1321 TORSIDE 13 (B.CD.F.Q.S) (G Biogrove) M Pips 11-11-3.
403 005461 MEMBERSON 17 (CD.F.Q.S) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 12-10-5.
404 81F-132 FELE NA HINSE 3 (D.Q) (R Tondut) R Champion 7-10-0.
405 S11P42 JOHN O'TOSE 11 (D.B.F.F.Q.S) (G Hubbard) D Hubbard 7-10-0.
406 P-F4P34 JEM SOWIE 19 (S) (R Butler) A Davison 7-10-0.

Cecil's colt out to 10-1 for Guineas

By George Rae

BE MY CHIEF is out to 10-1 with Hills for the 2,000 Guineas amid rumours that all is not well

The colt, unbeaten io six starts last season, was deserted by backers throughout yes-terday. "We simply cannot take a penny for him," spokesman Graham Sharpe said.

Those sentiments were ech-

ord by most bookmakers as Be My Chief's stock fell. Although neither Ladbrokes nor Corals went as far as Hills, both quote him at 8-1 to the face of

him at 8-1 io the face of universal apathy.

However, Henry Cecil, Be My Chief's trainer, was quick to dismiss rumours that something was amiss. "There is nothing wrong with the horse at all," he said. "Be My Chief is working well and has oot suffered a setback."

Cecil was supported by Mer-Cecil was supported by Mar-

got Burrell, one of Be My Chief's part owners. "Henry tells me the horse has oever been working better," she said. As Be My Chief weakened, Machiavellian hardened as fav-

Machiavelnan hardened as tavourite and is now as low as 13-8 with Corals. The François Boutin-trained colt, officially rated the best two-year-old in Europe last season, has been in constant demand since a spark-line season. ling gallop at Chantilly last week. He is scheduled to reappear in

the Prix Djebel, a recognized classic trial, at Maisons-Laffitte

on April 10.

Oo the Grand National froot,
Hills report backing for David
Elsworth's Ghofar, the Hennessy Gold Cup winner. He is
now 20-1 from 25-1.

 Derby hope Blen De Prance, trained by Jean-Marie Begnigne, has his first serious workout at Chantilly today. He is likely to reappear in the Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp on April 22.

Tudor Romance extends Eckley's excellent record

SPORT

MALCOLM ECKLEY ex-tended a remarkable record wheo Tudor Romance woo the Kingfisher Handieap at Leicester yesterday. The Lud-low trainer has now won with his first runner on the Flat for seven out of the last eight

The five-year-old has been running over hurdles and has weekly treatment for respiratory and throat problems. But he brought off a gamble oo this first appearance on the Flat for

Tudor Romance was backed from 20-1 to 12-1 and took up the running going into the final furiong. He was immediately shallowed by Transact Ties. challenged by Tongue Tied
Johnny but held the top weight
at bay by three-quarters of a
length.
Nicky Cartisle was io good

form, winning the first two events oo Miss El Arab and Moor Frolicking to complete a 134-1 double. Carlisle, who is retained as

second jockey to Tom Jones's Newmarket stable, had a few rides to all-weather Flat events this winter, but did oot manage winner. Moor Frolicking fared better

on the artificial surface, scoring at Lingfield for Guildford trainer 'Buck' Jones, who went through last year's Flat turf

through last year's Flat turf season without a winner.
Carlisle made every yard of the running in the Billesdon Selling Handicap on Moor Frolicking, who battled gamely for a oeck victory after holding the challenge of Pretty Precocious throughout the last furlons.

furlong.

Eric Alston, who had to wait until July for his only wiooer oo the Flat last year, was sooo off the mark this campaign. The Prestoo trainer saddled Miss El Arab. 2 14.1 winner of the Arab. a 14-1 winner of the

Miss El Arah and the favour-Miss El Aran and the lavourite, Simmie's Special, drew away
from their field in the last
furlong, with Miss El Arab
always having the edge over Reg
Hollinshead's charge, winning

by a oeck. Alston fancied the Irish-bred Miss El Arab. He reported: "She Miss El Arab. He reported: "She has been working well with my Broekleshy Stakes runoer Northern Nation. Pat Eddery told me he thought Northern Nation would just about have won the Doncaster race but for missing the break."

The East Everleigh trainer Bisherd Hospital States of the port of the property of the property

Richard Hannoo opened his account for the new season with the two-year-old City Solace in the Headcorn Graduation

Stakes at Folkestone.
The Last Tycooo colt ran green early oo hut quickened well under Brian Rouse inside Jestina by four lengths.

Jack Berry's fancied Kummel.

King, who opened favourie,
was withdrawn oot under orders

after spreading a plate down at the start. That left just five runners with City Solace re-turned the even mooey Hannon said of the winner.

who cost 18,000 guineas: "He's a nice sort and might have won even with Kummel King in the

Dual-purpose trainer John Boltoo gained his first winner for a year when Ta Wardle landed the Alton Selling Handicap. Always in a promineot position. Ta Wardle, who has been running on the all-weather tracks, took the lead two furlongs from home and, uoder strong driving by Chris Rutter, woo by a length from the fast finishing Sand Castle.

Veteran White Paper steals show with sprightly display

THE STAR performer of Saturday's 13 point-to-point meetings was undoubtedly 18-year-old White Paper, who made every yard of the running and jumped superbly to win the open race, under Robert Elwell, at the V W H.

White Paper's first win was an Irish hurdle in 1978 and since then he has had 26 other successes, 24 of which have been in point-to-points, His time on Saturday was even faster than that of Lefrak City, the winner of the RMC ladies' qualifier,

who was carrying 21lb less.
Riding honours went to
Philip Scholfield with his treble at the Lamerton which included the open on John Sam, return-ing to the winning enclosure after going under by half a length in the adjacent race at Ottery St Mary last week.

There were no takers on the adjacent race at this meeting, Buck's Mill, ridden by Ian Foale, even though the starting price returned was only 9-1. Alisoo Dare, who rode her 100th winner the previous Sat-urday, set off for the second century in good style at the South Hereford with wins in the Audi qualifier oo Fennelly and in the ladies oo Mendip Express. The open race winner here, Charles Lunsden's Amal Lees Hope, had his last success five

the style of his victory under was the 7-4 chance Darrington

The Brookshaw stable cootimes in invincible form in the North West, A treble at the Meynell and South Staffs was shared by Steven Brookshaw on Mount Argus in the open and Konrad Wolf in the adjacent and hy Stephanie Baxter, who rode the easy winner of the

ladies' race, Vulgaris. Another stable io form is that of Robert Alner. At the Weston and Banwell, the trainer-rider continued his run of success with Elver Seasoo and Gunner's Flight taking the open and restricted respectively. Polly Curling landed a gamble on Pastoral Pride, backed to 5-4 favouritism, and followed up later on Columbique in the

maiden. Vivaque justified marker support in the Audi qualifier at the Liandeilo Farmers but was pressed all the way to the line by Suikerbos where only half a length separated them. The 1988 Times Championship final winner, St Helens Boy, proved no match in the open for Timber Tool who extended his winning run to six for Tim Rooney, four of these being this season.

Tim Stephenson suggests that it is unlikely the wait for his oext will be as long.

Deal who initiated the first leg of a double for Nigel Bloom, later completed by Spartan Sprite in the maiden.

Mike Feltoo looked to be following up his success on Suttoo Prince in the members, when he led oo Beechwood Grove approaching the last fence in the Land Rover qualifier at the Wilton. However, disaster loomed when Beechwood Grove fell leaving Nick Mitchell oo the favourite, Mas-ter Hardy, 20 lengths clear of his oearest rival, Queen Beyan.

At the last meeting here, three weeks ago, 93 horses started but the firm going on Saturday reduced the number to only 26. Chris Coyne caused a 33-1

surprise at the Hampshire oo Bishop's Blaize in the maiden, the best race of the day at this meeting. After making all the running Bishops Blaize ran on to hold Star Shiner by a length with Synonymous only a neck away in third place.

There was a drop in class for Sweet Rascal, the winner of the members at the Curre at 7-1 on, her previous outing being in the Christie Foxhunters' at Chelten-ham. The entitlement of horses of this class to run in such races both reduces the number of On a day when five out of six runners and, for the spectators, favourites obliged at the Easton, the sole non-favourite to oblige than that of a walk-over.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Leicester

Going: good to firm 2.0 (5f) 1, MISS EL ARAB (N Carlislo, 14-2.0 (5) 1, MISS EL ARAB (N Carlisto, 14-1); 2, Simmie's Special (S Ports, 6-4 lav); 3, Good Tisse Boy (S Maloney, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Winers's Carol (6th), 8 Mr Mad, Mustry Boff (4th), 8 On The Line (5th), 11 Nesseby, 12 Ceptain Kager, 14 Arrivez Deux, 33 Maggies Lad. Sareen Express, Sweet Desits, 13 rpn. Ni., 31, 41, 214, 11. E Alston at Preston. Tota: 215.70; 23.50, 25.10, 23.90. DF: \$28.10. CSF: 248.30.

248.30.

2.30 (Im) 1, MOOR FROLICKING (N Cartisle, 8-1); 2, Pratty Precocloss (Dean McKeown, 10-1); 3, Parmenently Pink (D Hind, 20-1); 4, First Born (R Turner, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav Abert's Way Out (6rh), 7 Abigail's Dreum, 8 Valigly Perceptive, 10 Yarramen, 12 Absolutely Humming (6th), Doctor's Remedy, Port Sherer, 14 Sky Watcher, Woodlands Grey, Domworysboutir, 16 Orsett, 20 Wooly Rags, Serntific, 25 Bete De Moort, Beautiful Nins, Bondus, 20 ran. Nk, 21, hd, 11, 21, T Jones at Guiddird. Tots: £10.70; £2.30, £5.00, £30.60, £7.20. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £3.60. GSF: £90.73. Tricest: £1.457.85. No bid.

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21,457.85. No bid.
3.0 (Im 41, TUDOR ROMANCE (A Proud. 12-1); 2, Tengue Tied Jehnny (R Hits, 7-1); 3, Up-A-Point (R Lappin, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Proud Patnot, 5 Mr Taylor (8th), 7 Leeding Guest, 10 King William (4th), 11 Saxon Court (5th), 12 Locheme, 20 Balao, 33 Princess Jenny, 1 Wonder When, Malucanang, 13 ran. 34, 34, 154, 24, 154, M Edday at Ludlow. Tota: 537.30; £4.90, £4.40, £1.10, DF (winner or second with any other) £4.00. CSF: \$31.65. Tricast: £512.24.

231.65. Tricast: E01224.
3.30 (79, 1, ENHARRIGNIC (S Cauthen, 11-2); 2. Childray (R Cochrene, 4-6 fav); 3. Eton Lad (B Raymond, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Bankroll (4th), 40 Katy's Lad (5th), 50 Able Player (8th), 3 ran. 1½1, 11, 12, 71, 2½1. W Hassings-Bass at West Isley, Toto: 530; 5210, 5110. DF: 24.10. CSF: 59.05.

29.05.
4.0 (im 2f) 1, GAY GLINT (S Cauthen, 2-1 fav); 2, Nusakan (M Roberts, 9-2); 3, Ruddy Cheek (G Duffield, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Avishayes (4th), 8 Premier Dance (5th), 11 Let Fly, 14 Teodorico (6th), 25 Bradmore's Chum, My Tai-Pan, 50 Derailed, Dragons Nest, The Jones Boy, Touch Of Denger, 13 ran, 31, 44, nk, 29, 101, N Graham at Newmarket, Tot: 23-30; 11.0, 22-40, 22-20, DF: £15.40, CSF: £12.04.

£12.04.
4.30 (6) 1, IN EXCESS (A Munro, 1-3 fav: Our Newworket Correspondent's nap); 2, Heielm (W Ryan, 8-1); 3, Lee Amis (G Barriwell, 9-1), ALSO RAN: 12 El Arabi (Stri, Fautiess Speech (4th), 33 Just Imagine (6th), 6 ran. 41, 4, 5, 6), %I, W O'Gorman at Newmarket, Tota: £1.30, £2.00. DD: £3.30, CSF; £3.93.

Folkestone

Going: firm
1.45 (5t) 1, CITY SOLACE (B Rouse,
Event fav); 2, Princess Jestina (J Willems, 10-1); 3, Penando (M Wigham, 141), ALSO RAN: 13-8 Great Afair (4st), 5
Fraga (5th), 8 ran, NR: Kummel King, 41,
11, 21, 51, R Hannon at East Everleigh, Tota:
52, 10; 21, 60, 21,80, DF: 27,50, CSF;
21,044

E10.44.

2.18 (im 2f) 1, TA WARDLE (C Rutter, 14-1); 2, Sand Castle (W R Swinburn, 13-2); 3, Spittire Jobilee (B Rouse, 7-1). ALSO PAN: 11-2 fav Precodousy (5th), 6 Thm Red Line (4th), 7 Mester Tyke, 8 Na La Girl, 10 Sparish Love, Cotione Chirstrap, 11 Tumbied Bride, 25 Sone Wonder, 25 Double Handfull, Miles Kilpatrick, Grand Party (6th), 14 rai. 11, 21, 151, 14, 251. M Botton et Shrewton, Tote: 241.40; 214.0, 21.60, 21.90, DF; 2116.50, CSF; 293.41, Tricast: 2636.74, NR: Love To Dance, No bid.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, TO BE FAIR (W Nownes, 5-1); 2, Equinor (T Williams, 9-2); 3, Cosmic Dancer (G Baxter, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Lingsled Lass (Sth), 8 Russian Red (Sth), 6 Up The Wagon, Hunza's Choice, 14 Simply Des (4th), 18 Head Groom, 20 Tropcal Aca, Tudor Aca, 11 ran. Hd, 7, sh hd, 1½, 7, J Scargli at Nowmarkst. Tota: 28-90; £480, £1.70, 25.80, DF: £12.80, CSF: £26.49, Tricast: 296.51.7

2365.17.

3.15 (5f) 1, HARRY'S COMING (T Sprake, 10-1); 2, Iron King (B Rouse, 10-1); 3, Count He Out (T Oxinn, 14-1); 4, Pentagon Rose (M Wigham, 15-2), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Nikti Dow, 8 Jokist, 10 Validemosa (5th), Inswinger, 11 No Beating Hars, 14 Sarum, 20 Scoce Tree (6th), 25 Star Blaze, Dee And Em, Royal Bear, 33 Fortan Prince, Mass Backmorth, Princess Jessica, Miss Moody, Balter Contract, 18 rsn. 1%, hd, hd, 2%, nk. R Hodges at Somerton. Tota: 25.00; 22.10, 52.70, 23.30, 22.30. DP: 256.10. CSP: £95.79. Tricast: £1,250.07.

3.45 (6t) 1, SUPFERRAVE (T Quinn, 2-1

23.30, 22.30. DF: 256.10. CSF: 256.73.
Tricast: £1.260.07.
3.45 (8) 1. SUPERBRAVE (T Culon, 2-1
3. Maclam Jac (M Wigham, 20-1). ALSO
RAN: 9-2 True Dividend (5m), 5 Gotcher
(4m), 10 Lucky Frosty (6th), 16 Monarda,
Blow A Kasa, 33 Dawse Ol Nelson, First
Flush, Honours Graduate, Susan's Reef.
12 ran. NSt. Khayamour, My Sporting
Lady, 31, 254, 34, 34, 31, Enteringon at
Matton. Tota: £3.00; £1.80, £2.10, £5.50.
DF: £8.50. CSF: £11.32.
4.15 Tim 20.1 ARDU UI (Pat Eddery, 8-

DF: £8.50. CSF: £11.32.
4.15 (im 2) 1, ARDLUI (Pet Eddery, 811 fav); 2, Bullace (W R Swinburn, 3-1); 3.
Hypodist (M Wigham, 50-1). ALSO RAN:
7-2 Staunch Rival (6th), 14 Dat. 18 Mystarious Mald (4th), 20 Arctic Heights
(5th), 33 Christian Soldler, 50 Allorid,
Maybe Lucky, 10 ran, 32,51, sh hd, 11, 41, 64,
Harwood at Pulborough, Tota: £1.70;
£1.10, £2.30, £6.60, DF: £5.10, CSF:
£5.39.

25.39.
4.45 (7) 1, JAZAF (T Quinn, 2-1 fav); 2, Sharpelko (M Wightern, 4-1); 3, Lengtry Lass (W R Swinburn, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Domise Lorenza (4th), 14 Bradmore's Classic, Gerdie Satin (6th), Birdie Chance (5th), 25 Colour Scheme, Ever So Artistic, Bluefordatie, 33 Bold Rab, Ribyane, Rocky's Mate, Salmiya, 14 ran, 25i, 8, 8, Ind, 3L P Cole at Whatcombe, Tota: 22.60; 51.90, 19.0, 19.0, 51.90. CSP: 510.22.

Hexham

Going: firm

2.18 (2m hdie(1, COSMIC RAY (J Corles), 6-1; 2, Achielbuie (N Doughty, 2-1 |
fav); 3, Olivers Hill (G Bradley, 2-1 p-lay).

ALSO RAN: 6 Tenser Close (ur), 14 Bharletti, 20 Pricey, 33 Charleswam (8m),

Culloden, Grey Cloud (5th), 3 ran, 2%,
2%, 11, 10, 31, Mrs V Aconley at Westow.

Tota: 28.00; 21.70, 21.40, 21.10, DF:
24.70, C81; 2173, 181; Moment Of Truth,

Listennel, Festion Scene. 2.45 (2m chi) 1, PALM LAD (N Doughty, 9-2); 2, Maeter Seisemen (B Storey, 8-11 fay); 3, Solicitor's Choice (T Reed, 100-30), ALSO RAN: 12 Lingham Duke (4th), 20 Young Pageant (ur), 5 ran. 2, 5; 8, 6 Richards et Greystoke, Tote: 24-75; 17-70; 12.0, DF: 52-70, CSF: 58.09. 21.20. DF: 22.70. CSF: 28.09.
3.15 (2m hole) 1, GAN ON LAD (S Turner, 11-2): 2, The Flour (L. O'Harz, 8-1): 3, Keep Straight (D Byrne, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 2 tav Assect, 7-2 Lover Cover (4th), 6 D'Or's Gern, 8 Polo Prince, 14 Home To Roost (8th), Avenio, 18 Indispensable, 20 Ballyheeten (5th), 8o Getted, 25 Gonzo's Pet, 33 French Aggresson, Mercia Gold, 15 ran, NR: Intropid World, 8, 2%, 2%, 1%, 1, 1%, K. Morgan at Melton Mowbray, Tota: 26.70: 22.30, 22.50, 25.40. DF: 215.30. CSF: \$44.73. Tricast: \$439.43. No bid.

3.45 (2m 4i ch) 1. TARTAN TRADE-MARK (N Doughty, 3-1): 2, Captain Mor (C Gram, 6-4 fav); 3, Generate Boy (Mr P Craggs, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 8 Chipchase (4m), 11 Rever's Lat (pu), 33 Sotham (5d), 6 ran. 34, 234, 234, 151. G Richards

OF: 63.20. CSF: 27.14.
4.18 (2m hdie) 1, FERNANDO REYES (B Storey, 8-1); 2, Neastfield (S Turner, 2-1); 3, Home Streight (K Doolen, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Halcanor (4th), 10 Liner, 12 Modestino (5th), 14 Damien's Beau (6th), 16 Hydre, 33 Bird Bath, SPS Creative, 10 ran. 21, 10, 71, 21, 31, J A Charlton at Stocksfield. Tota: 27.50; 51.70, £1.20, £3.70. DF: £8.80. CSF: £25.04. 53.70. DF: 58.80. CSF: 225.04.

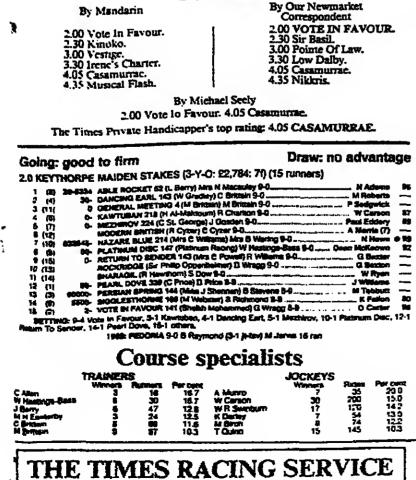
4.45 (Sm ch) 1. FINAL CHANT (Mr H Brown, 4-1); 2. Oh Why (Mr J Greens), 9-2); 3. Tartevic (Major M Sample, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 3 fav Ktanpo (), 5. Ask Jean (4th), 8 Blue Flavins (uri, 12 Smullyan (), 14 Owen Durit (5th), 20 Portonia (1), 50 Newbawn Daie (uri, 10 ran, 15), 8i, 4i, 20L O Brydon at Scarborough, Tota: 25.00; 25.20, 221.26.

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 Gordoo Richards is expected. to have three runners in the Grand National on Saturday week with Conclusive, Rinus and The Langholm Dyer, but Palm Lad gained some of the glory at Hexham yesterday when bearing the odds-oo Master Salesman in the Acomb







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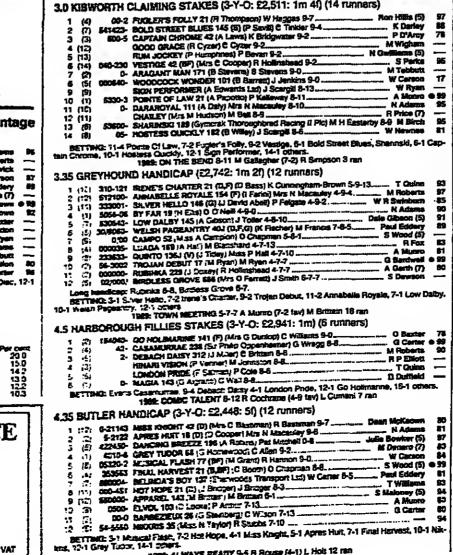
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England must reassert control

From Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent Port of Spain

ANY boxer who has heard the sweet sound of the bell after an entire round spent pinned against the ropes will appreciate the benefits England's cricketers may have derived on the rest day in this third Cable and Wireless Test match.

It was a day to regroup, reassess and, most important, to restore the positive thinking which, human nature insists, was compromised on Sunday as the West Indies fast bowlers finally freed their iron fists from the velvet gloves.

The clock was turned back, two years and beyond, as lan Bishop, Curtly Ambrose and the impressive Ezra Moseley, on his first appearance, had English batsmen fencing and flinching against bowling of alarming hostility. It was an Overdue retaliation from a team which remains far too good to submit without a

In 41/2 hours of gripping cricket, England mustered 99 for eight from 55 overs. They were left with a first-innings lead of only 89 when, hours earlier, upwards of 200 had been in their sights.

The outcome was a confused debate, raging around Trinidad, on the state of the game. The two daily newspapers here took contrasting views, their respective headlines yesterday reading: Magnificent West Indies fight back" and "Windies slip up on third day."

Greenidge's two uncharacteristic lapses at slip, reprieving Capel and Fraser, certainly allowed England a measure of leniency after they had lost six wickets for 49 but this should not detract from the resolution of Capel, who batted stoically for 31/2 hours to justify his inclusion in the

Not only did Capel play the two shots of the day, hooking didn't welcome the rain in Walsh and square cutting Bishop to the boundary, he trying to sneak ont of here demonstrated a technique with a draw. We look to win against the short ball which was worryingly lacking in some of the earlier batting.

The ethos of this England side, as preached by captain today by bowling the West and management, is that only Indies out for a second time the next day matters and, at they will have more to conthis critical juncture, it is a tend with than a simple valuable attitute to sustain, equation of runs and overs. It Micky Stewart, the team man- is increasingly clear that the 90 taboo to look back at all, agreed for this series, is not



Captain at the helm: Gooch takes the wheel of a speedboat with his team-mates, Lamb, Smith and Malcolm, on board during the Test rest day yesterday

gence may be put to the test if

the dilatory response of a

visiting team one day costs

England must be looking to

press ahead with their overs at

a respectable pace today to

maintain their ambitions in

the game. They must also

hope that Devon Malcolm,

whose five balls on Sunday

evening cost 11 runs, can

resume the level of accuracy

them a victory.

opposition players. We only look at what is ahead and, in this game, I would still rather be in our position than

theurs." To emphasize his view that the game is there to be won, Stewart threw in a football analogy. "I don't believe in a team that goes a goal up after five minutes and spends the rest of the game trying to kick the ball over the stand. We Guyana and we will not be every game until it becomes

If, however, England do negotiate a winning position ager, said yesterday: "It is overs per day regulation, as game is in danger of farcical

Not once in the series to date have the minimum overs been completed, despite every day extending long into an additional hour. Dusk comes quickly in the Caribbean and, because there is no agreement for fines of any sort, either team can slow their over-rate to a point where, in the ultimate degree, the oppo-sition is prevented from

West Indies have always

SCOREBOARD FROM TRINIDAD

WEST INDIES

First Innings 199 (Malcolm 4-60, Fraser 3-41) Second Innings Total (no wkt)

ENGLAND					
First Innings					
		64	48	Mine	Belle
G A Gooch e Dujon b Bishop	84		3	388	263
V Larkins e Dujon b Ambrose	84 54		- 5	242	154
J Stewart e Dujon b Ambrose	8			93	60
J Lamb b Sishop	32		3	122	81
A Smith e Dujon b Moseley	5		-	40	81 28
Bailey c Logie b Moseley	õ	-		2	1
J Capel c Moseley b Ambrose	40		3	215	124
R C Russell e Best b Walsh	15		1	99	66
C Small lbw b Bishon	ŏ.		:	4	4
R C Fraser c Hooper b Ambrose	11			83	58
F Melcolm not cut	'n	_	_	20	8
Extras (b10, lb 9, w 3, nb 16)	38	-	-		
Total (137.2 overs)	288				
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BOWLING: McDermott 38-8-102-2; Rackemann 28-6-72-2; Tazelsar 18-4-48-2; Border 24-5-44-3; Kasprowicz 12-3-2-40-1; Cantrell 15-4-39-0; Foley 3-1-8-0.

Second Impings

BOWLING: Malcolm .5-0-6-0 (w 1).

bowling or even names of written and the spirit of the perhaps even their intransi-Unlucky Thorpe falls short

GRAHAM THORPE missed for the seventh wicket. It com-his first century of the England pleted a good recovery by A tour of Zimbabwe tour by two England, who at one point, on bounded on to the stumps. runs here yesterday as he and Stepheo Rhodes built a commanding lead in the third five-day international. On a rain-shortened day, England were 334 for seven at the close,

185 runs ahead.
Thorpe's demise was an agonizing one: his hundred in

keeper's pads.
It ended an innings full of crisp drives, jaunty cuts and strokes through the leg side which underlined the potential of this left-hander, who was the surprise selection for the tour. Rhodes, too, confirmed his growing prowess as a batsman as he helped to add 136 in 57 overs

SNOOKER

Clark is on Kingston closing in on clean sweep course AT a point in their season when they could be excused for complacency and apathy after all they have achieved, Kingstoo's more for his all-conquering search for a sponsor as vital team. The manner of their 103— Domestic rivals have searcely to qualify

By a Special Correspondent MARTIN CLARK, tipped as a future champion, laid the foundations at Preston yes-terday for what he hoped would terday for what is night would be a first appearance in the final stages of the Embassy world championships.

The diminutive Midlander, a

stablemate of Stephen Hendry, failed at the final hurdle before the championships in Sheffield last year when he was beaten by Bob Chaperon, the British Open

champion.
Tony Chappel, of Wales, barred his path this time but, with another possible 10 frames remaining, Clark led 6-3 need-ing another four for victory.

Clark, who started the seasoo one place outside the world's top 16 elite but is now pro-visionally listed at No. 11, will be disappointed that he did not obtain a more formidable lead. He won the first three frames before Chappel responded with a break of 46.

Clark responded with a 51 break to lead 4-1, only for Not on coupone: Arsenel v Everton; Aston Vilta v Man City (Sunday): Liverpool v Southampton Chappel to share the last four frames of the opening session.
Peter Francisco was another player not to have made the most of a commanding early lead. The South African dropped the first frame to a break of 56 by Mark Johnston-Allen but responded by pocketing the next six.

Johnston-Allen, a former public schoolboy from Bristol, needed his lesson and breaks of 97 and 32 cut the interval deficit

to 6-3.

RESULTS: Fload qualifying round: P
PRINCISCO (SA) leads M Johnston-Allen
(PO). 8-9; D Rou (Eng) leads N Gibert
(Eng). 5-4; E Hughes (Pap of the) leads B
(Eng). 5-4; M Clark (Eng) leads T
Chappel (Wales). 8-9; R Wilsams (Eng)
teads M Bernett (Wales). 5-4; B West
teads (Eng) leads J Chambers (Eng). 5-4; C
(Males) leads J Chambers (Eng). 5-4; C
(Males) leads J Wilson (IoM), 5-4.

Thorpe and Rhodes came together when Illingworth, the previous day's hero with his hundred as a nightwatchman was dismissed by the first ball of the day. Illingworth pushed half forward at a ball from Jarvis, the agonizing one: his hundred in left-arm seamer, but it cut back sight, he became the victim of and trapped him leg-before. one of cricket's unluckiest dismissals, stumped when the ball rebounded from the wicket-they had started to accelerate the started when a thunderstorm brought a 95-minute stoppage in mid-

afternoon. Thorpe was on 94, and when play resumed in poor light, he took four careful singles before he was out, missing as he attempted to drive a ball from Traices outside the off stump.

attitude could hardly he more

If they are already sated by success. Kevin Cadle, their coach, is determined that his

coach, is determined that his squad will not show it when they go for their fifth, and final, trophy of a remarkable seasoo in the Carlsberg championship play-offs, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham

over the Easter weekend.
"No team in England has ever

won every trophy it has good after," Cadle said, making little secret of the fact that besides

1 Cheisea v Derby 1 Man Utd v Coventry 2 Miliwali v C Palace

X Norwich v Luton 1 Nottm F v Wimbledon X Sheff W v Tottenham

SECOND DIVISION

Barneley v Oxford
 Bradford C v Sundrind
 Hull v West Brom
 Middlestor v Oxform
 Newcastle v Brighton
 Newcastle v Brighton
 Portsmith v Bournemith
 Stoke v Sheff Util
 Swindow v Bereter

Swindon v Leicester
 Watford v Bleckburn
 West Ham v Port Vale

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Chartron, Sheff Wed, Hull, Plymouth, Chester, Colichester, York, Fleetwood, Prickley, Dundee, Dunlermline, Montrose.

BEST DRAWS: Charlton, Plymouth, Pres-

on to the stumps. Thorpe had batted for nearly four and half hours and hit 12

BASKETBALL

78 victory over Sunderland io the Coca-Cola Cup final, before

a capacity crowd of 5,800 at the London Arena oo Sunday, in-dicated that Cadle may get his

If Kingstoo succeed in Birmingham, they will be coo-firmed as the most successful

English team yet. Solent won all three domestic trophies in the

1983-84 season, but, as Cadle points out, they lost the Daihatsu event to Mim Living-ston, from Scotland, in the final.

POOLS FORECAST by VINCE WRIGHT

THIRD DIVISION

1 Brentford v Streywabury

1 Bristol C v Manefield

1 Bury v Futharn

2 Cardiff v Blacipool

X Chester v Bolton

1 Huddersfid v Bram

1 Huddersfid v Bristol B

L Pubber Sito V & Dam 2 Northempton v Bristol R X Preston v Notts Co 1 Reading v Leyton O X Rotherham v Crewe 2 Walsell v Wigan

FOURTH DIVISION
Burnley v Doncaster
Carlisle v Scarboro
Chesterfid v Gillingham
Colcinetr v Scunthorpe
Chicater v I Insula

Looking even further ahead.

HFS LOANS LGE X Bangor v Coine X Fleetwood v Hyde X Frickley v Metlock 2 Gainsboro v S Liverpi

SCOTTISH PREMIER X Dundee v Aberdeen X Dunfermine v Oundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST 2 Albion v Meadowbk 2 Alloe v Hamilton 1 Felkirk v Morton 2 Forfar v Clyde 1 Partick v Clydebank 4 Baith v Av

1 Raith v Ayr 1 St Johnstone v Airdrie

SCOTTISH SECOND 1 Kilmsmock v Brechin X Montrose v East Fite 1 O of Sth v E Stirling

Queensland set huge task SYDNEY (Reuter) — Queens-land, set 654 to win their first Sheffield Shield final, were struggling to avoid a resounding

defeat by New Sooth Wales yesterday. At close of play on the fourth day of the match. Queensland were 156 for four in their second innings. New South Wales won the round-robin series and a draw will suffice for them to be Shield champions for a record

fortieth time. New Sooth Wales declared their second innings at 396 for nine, Mark Waugh scoring 78 not out to reach 1,000 runs for

the season.

exposed any lack of depth on the Kingston bench, but Conti-nental teams would certainly do

That is why, the two Kingston youngsters, Matthew Cunningham, aged 17, and Steve Tomaschek, aged 19, who came on for the last four minutes

on for the last four minutes against Sunderland, when victory was already assured, may have to bide their time.

The day's earlier, far more exciting, National Trophy final was a redeeming feature for the consider of the symptoms.

one-sided Coca-Cola event

S & Small b Law "M A Taylor st Healy b Border T H Bayles c and b Rackemenn S R Waugh c Healy b Rackemenn M E Waugh not out M O O'Nell b Centrell G R J Matthews b Cantrell

Total .

QUEENSLAND: First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-160, 2-194, 3-205, 4-220, 5-261, 8-272, 7-286, 8-309, 9-347. O Tazakur Riw b Matther C G Rackemann b Matthe Edras (b 7, nb 2) Total FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-44, 3-49, 4-84, 5-72, 6-76, 7-76, 8-77, 9-85. BOWLING: Whitney 8-2-2-1; Hoktoworth 5-3-16-5; Matthews 16.3-6-31-5; Tucker 11-4-17-3; M E Waugh 3-0-8-1. Second Innings G Foley c Emery b Weugh P E Cartrell at Emery b Matthews S G Law c Small b Watney A R Border c Emery b Tucker G M Fitchie not out Extras (b 2, b 5, mb 3)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-42, 3-114, 4-

NOTE: No-bells count double in the Sheffield Shield.

SWIMMING

Henkel makes return for West Germany

an international meeting in Coventry next month.

The 26-year-old Henkel, who won gold in the 400 and 1,500 metres freestyle at the 1986 championships in Madrid, was named yesterday in the 26-strong West German team for a four-nation international with Britain, The Netherlands and Sweden.

But the triple Olympic cham-pion, Michael Gross, who also plans a return to competition in a build-up to next year's world

BONN (Reuter) -- West Germa-ny's double world champion, was surprisingly not named in Rainer Henkel, will make his the West German team for

Rainer Henkel, will make his the West German team for return to top-class swimming at an international meeting in Coventry next month.

The 26-year-old Henkel, who won gold in the 400 and 1,500 metres freestyle at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and did not qualify for last year's European Championships, which were held in the West German meeting in the 26.

were held in the West German capital, Bonn.

He considered quitting the sport but has been inspired to return to competition since his marriage to international high jumper Heike Redetzky. The Coventry meeting will be his first appearance for almost a wear.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bishop in line for a first League cap at Headingley

DAVID Bishop has reason to believe that he has finally arrived as a rugby league player. The Hull Kingston Rovers and former Pootypool half back was yesterday named in the Great Britain squad of 17 for the return British Coal international against France at Headingley a week on Saturday.

This will be the first inter-

national call-up for Bishop, the fiery and occasionally con-troversial Welshman, since he joined Rovers in July 1988 after winning one rugby union cap for Wales. Bishop will have to wait and see if be is to be awarded an international cap at 13-a-side, since the actual team to play against France will not be named ontil next Monday.
Two other players come into

the squad compared to the line-up against France at Perpignan, where Great Britain were a little fortunate to win 8-4 after a hard fought game. They are Carl Gibson, the Leeds three-quarter. and Karl Fairbank, the Bradford Northern forward. All three, the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, said, are included because of their current outstanding form for their

Lydon and Andy Platt, and Darryl Powell, the Sheffield Eagles three-quarter.

centre who played in the first and the remaining channel ionship and premiership matches with St Helens if he receives the customary eight-match suspension at Thursday? disciplinary hearing for an alleged high tackle against Leigh.

Paul Monarty, the Widnes forward, will have an operation today on a knee iojury.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Van Basten puts Milan top again

By Keith Blackmore

AC MILAN, the Italian cham-AC MILAN, the Italian chain-pions, brought to an end a series of shaky performances by beat-ing Lecce on Sunday to attain the lead of the Italian first

Milan, who had lost their two previous league matches, to Inventus and loter Milan, and required penalties to beat Mechelen, of Belgium, in the quarter-finals of the European Cup oo Wednesday, fell behind to a goal in the seventh minnte. But Baresi, the sweeper, scored the equalizer after 35 minutes.

scarce in West Germany itself with nine first division games on Saturday producing only 11 Bayern Munich, the leaders were among those who failed to score and their draw with Bochun allowed Bayer Levers kuseo to cut their lead to the

Real Madrid need only six poiots from their remains seven matches to become cha pions of the Spanish first die vision for the sixth coosecut seasoo. They beat Tenerife 5-8 at the weekend, Hugo Sanchez

the top of the table and their traditional rivals. Barceloss, were dislodged from second place by Atletico Maddis Atletico won 2-0 before 60,000 supporters in Nou Camp. In France, Marseilles faltered

Fresh from the success of reache ing the semi-finals of the Burot pean Cup, they went down 2-1, to Brest while Bordeaux beas Paris Saint-Germain to open & three-point lead at the top of the

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

AUSTRUAN: SK Repid 0, FCS Tirol 1: Shirm Graz 0, Austria Salzburg 0; VSE St Pöllen 1, Austria Vienna 1; Admira Wacker 5, Vienna 1; Leeding positions: 1, FCS Tirol 26: 112 24: 1214 Vienna 231

Endhoven 27, 38; 2, Ajux, 26, 36; 3, Roda JC, 27, 35.

EAST GERMAN: Dynamo Oresden 0, Carl Zeles Jens 4; Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Hersa Rostock 0; PC Magdoburg 2, Lokomotive Letyzig 2; Chemie 1, Berlin 2: Energie Cottbus 3, Stahl Eisenhustenstadt 1; 6 tahl Brandenburg 0, Fortschritt Bischolswerde 2; Rol-Weiss Erfurt 1, Witemut Aus 1. Leading poelfices: 1, Dynamo Draeden, 18, 26; 2, FC Magdeburg, 18, 25; 3, Berlin, 18, 24.

PRIENCH: Bordesux 3, Paris St Germain 0; Brest 2, Maraellies 1; Monaco 2, Auserre 4; Socheux 1, Nice 1; Caen 1, Lyons 1; St Elemno 0, Nantes 0; Lille 3, Toulouse 0; Toulon 1, Metz 1; Cannes 4, Multiouse 1; Touch 0, Nantes 0; Lille 3, Toulouse 0; Toulon 1, Metz 1; Cannes 4, Multiouse 1; Racing Paris 0, Montpelfer 0, Leading poelfione: 1, Bordesux 30, 44; 2, Maraellies, 28, 41; 3, Moneco 38, 35.

selles, 29, 41; 3, Moneco 38, 35.
GRIERIC Melemeria, Perionice 3; Doze 2,
Apolion Kalameriae 1; Ethnikos 1, Arie
Thessalonides 1; lonkico 0, Xanthi 0;
Lartess 0, Irakite 0; Volos 3, Levadiakos 0;
OFI Krite 3, AEX Athens 1; Serres 2,
Parathinelicos 0; PACK Thessalonide 4,
Olympiatos 1; Leading positions: 1,
Parathinelicos 20; 1A0K Thessalonide 4,
Olympiatos 1; Leading positions: 1,
Parathinelicos 20; 40; 2, Olympiatos, 28,
38; 3, AEK Athens, 26, 37.

RUSH: FAI Cup: second round; Bohemians 3. Home Farm 0; Cobh Ramblera 2; Sr Francts 2; Cork Crty 1, Shamrook Rovers 1; Derry City 2, University Collegis, Dublin 0; Gatway United 1, Amiona Town 1; Umerick City 1, Sr Parrick's Athelic 4; Shelicouxie 1, Bray Wanderses 1; Sila Rovers 0, Newcastlewest 2,

Rovers 0, Newcestlewest 2,
ITALIAN: Bologne 1, Sampdorle 0;
Cremonese 2, Ascoll 1; Foueniese 0;
Cremonese 2, Ascoll 1; Foueniese 1;
Cesene 0; Genoa 2, Lazio 2; Inter Milen 7;
Atalianta 2; Leche 1, AC Milen 2; Napoll 3;
Jovectus 1; Rome 5, Verona 2; Udinese 2;
Berl 2, Leeding poetitors: 1, Milen, 30, 40;
Berl 2, Leeding poetitors: 1, Milen, 30, 40;
POLISH: LKS Lodz 0; Wiste Krelrow 6;
Stask Wroctew 3, Jagielloria Bishystek 0;
Legia Warszawa 2, Motor Lebity B;
Olimpia Puznan 1, Gornik Zabrze 0; Brig Katowice 2, Ruch Chorcow 0; Zaglebie Lubir 1, Widzew Lodz 0; Zaglebie Sosnowice 2, Stal Mielec 0; Zaglebie Sosnowice 2, Stal Mielec 0; Zaglebie Bydgoczcz 2, Lach Poznan 0; Lesding psetitors: 1, Zaglebie Lubin, 13, 28; 6, GKS Katowice 19, 27; 3, Zawietze Byd-goszcz, 19, 23.
PORTUGRIESE: Bernica 2, Sporting Lie-bon 1; Boavista 1, Belenenses 1; Estrela Amedora 0, Vitoria Scalubal 1; Feirense 2, Penaffel 1; Martimo 1, Portimonane, 7; Trasona 1, Nacional Maceles 0; Linko

Stavia Sofia, 20, 25; 3, Vitosha Sofia, 20, 24.

CZECHOSLOVAK: ZVL Povazake psettonar. 1. Zejebe Luiban, 19, 28; 6, 24.

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Dystrica 0, Inther Bratislava 3; DAC Dunajska Strede 1, Prastita Nitra 3; Stavia Portugue 4. Sigme Comouce C. Stovan Bratislava 0, Berak Ostrava 0; Zbrojovka Brno 4, Duka Pringue 0; TJ Viskovice 1, Sportas Frague 1; Sporta Prague 1, Dukta Berska Bystrica 1. Leeding poetitoner 1. Sportas Prague 1; Sporta Prague 1, Dukta Berska Bystrica 1. Leeding poetitoner 1. Sportas Prague, 22, 33; 2, Inter Bratislava, 22, 30; 3, Banik Ostrava, 22, 29.

DUTCH William B 3, FC Groningen C; BVV Den Bosch 1, Vibras 2; Foda JC 5, Haartern C; MVV Massistict 2, PSV Einditoven 1; HEC Nilmegen 0, Feyencord C; Alex 1, Fortuna Situard 0; FC Den Hasy 1, FC Urbecht 1; Sparta Rotterdam 2, Vibras 2, Alexico Medrid 2; Reid Malange 4; Leeding poetitoner 1, Portugal 2, Alexico Medrid 2; Valencia 1; Real Oviedo 4, Cárdz 3; Reid Washelf 1; Leeding poetitoner 1, Fortuna Situard 0; FC Den Hasy 1, FC Den Hasy

Bryant lose

women's world indoor cham-pion, made a bad start in the pion, made a bad start in the Robert Hutchinson Opticians Masters tournament which opened at Ely yesterday, losing 15-5 to a local, lan Brown.

Stephen Rees, a Weish iotesnational, and Wynne Richards, Gary Smith and Loba Ottanards.

Gary Smith and John Ottaway of England, began with vio-tories, but there were setbacks. by Martin Jackman, and Roy Cutts, who lost 14-12 to Simon

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

A COUPLE of years ago, Pat Bradley thought her career was over. In 1986, she had won three of the four major championships, two other titles, nearly \$500,000 and was No. 1 on the US Women's Tour. In 1987, she slipped to fifteenth on the money list, and in 1988 to 109th.

"It was frightening," she admitted at Moon Valley in Phoenix on Sunday, in the midst of the celebrations of her win in the Standard Register Turquoise Classie — the 25th victory of her career and her second of the season.

explained a lot, she was diagnosed as having hyperthyroidism, and she must take pills
for the rest of her life. But it is a

A Okamon small price to pay for fitness, and last year she won again and was fourth on the money list, with more than \$400,000.

Having held off Ayako
Okamoto, of Japan, and Betsy
King, a fellow American and the
No. 1 last year, to win \$75,000

"I EXPECTED Greg [Norman]
to get a birdie at the last hole and
tie," said Robert Gamez, aged
21, the former Walker Cup on Sunday, Bradley, aged 39, a New Englander, moved back to the top of the money list. She also became the first woman to accumulate over \$3 million in career earnings. Her main target, however, is elsewhere: the Hall of Fame. There are only 11 members of

the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame and there is little doubt that the rules of entry are too tough for the modern game. Bradley, with six important championships to her Rather to her relief, in that it credit, should be in there

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 280: P Bradley, 70, 71, 88, 71, 281: A Okamoto (Japan), 72, 89, 69, 71, 282: E King, 89, 72, 70, 71, 286: E Daniel, 72, 71, 71, 71; C Figg-Currier, 68, 74, 72, 71; K Albers, 70, 70, 71, 74, Othere: 252: L Davies (GB), 77, 72, 70, 74, 294: L Neumann (Swe), 77, 67, 76, 74.

Bradley back on course Last-hole eagle from for a place in history Gamez sinks Norman From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

player, after upstaging the flamboyant Australian by holing out from 176 yards with a seveniron for an eagle two at the final hole to win the Nestlé Invitation at Bay Hill. Gamez, a remarkably talented

and composed young player, explained that he had got a sixiron out of his beg until be noticed that the wind had risen slightly and that his partner, Larry Mize, had hit a seven-iron from behind him. He changed to the same club.

"As soon as I saw my ball in the air, I told my caddie [his brother Randy] That's going to be close'," Gamez said. It was. The ball pitched beyond the flag and, to the delight of the buge crowd, sucked back into the lab. They gave him a 66 and hole. That gave him a 66 and meant that Norman needed to

birdie the same hold to force a play-off. The Australian just failed with an 18-footer.

The Queenslander has had to endure a whole series of "miracie strokes" from opponents in his career. There was Bob Tway's bunker shot which bear him in the 1986 PGA Championship, the 50-yard pitch-in by Mize in the play-off at the 1987 Masters and, last year at Troon, Mark Calcavechhia's fine seven-

BOWLS Johnston and Opening games

for David Bryant, beaten 14-9 I Ander.

Mark Calcavechhia's fine seveniron in the Open play-off.

Jose-Maria Olazabal's 69 gave him joint tenth position and was the best performance of the eight Europeans who started. Nick Faldo shot a steady but uninspired 72.

LEADINGS FINAL SCORES (US unless stand): 274: R Gamer, 71, 99, 89, 66, 275: O Norman (Aus), 74, 68, 65, 68, 276: Consumit (Byline (Byline)), 70, 68, 70; S Hoch, 98, 68, 70; To Allem (SA), 74, 68, 65, 69, Other: 281: J M Olazabal (Sp), 68, 73, 71, 99, 282: N Faldo (GB), 13-10; G Sminn (Gyline), 15-10; G Sminn (Gyline), 15-

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he achieved in the first On Sunday afternoon, the and Van Basten provided the winner in the second balf. Finally, it will be to En-West Indies bowled only 22 SCOTTOR IWICC. The result kept Milan a point ahead of Naples, who heat Juventus 3-1, Maradona scoring gland's benefit, this time, if Real are nine points clear a overs in two hours. Even any overnight rain has Stewart, who remains publicly allowed the pitch to sweat phlegmatic about the speed of twice, ooce direct from a free under the covers, as it did operations here, said yesbefore their own batting colterday: "There does come a lapse on Sunday. Italy. Nine first divisioo matches produced 35 goals, nine time when it gets too much and I personally cannot see of them coming in the game between Inter and Atalanta. the point of having a mini-● David Smith, aged 34, the mum number of overs in a day FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-125, 3-195, 4-214, 5-214, 6-214, 7-243, 8-244, 9-Inter's West German forwards left-handed Sussex opener, without sanction to support Klinsmann and Mattaus, were among the scorers as their team has been on stand-by since the BOWLING: Ambrose 36.2-8-59-4 (nb 4): Bishop 31-6-69-3; Walsh 22-5-45-1 (nb 10, w 1); Hooper 18-5-26-0; Moseley 30-5-70-2 (nb 8, w 2). start of the tour, Micky Stew-Another West German, Rudi three-point le Völler, scored twice as Roma first division. art, the England feam man- Umpires: C Cumberbatch and L Barker. whether at short-pitched worth the paper on which it is resisted over-rate fines but ager, revealed yesterday.

"We are learning to use individ-ual technique for the benefit of the whole team. We used to have a

he seeks success on a grander

Do without rugby players and just have Uncle Bill

AT two o'clock last Friday afternoon, I settled into the corner snug of my favourite Maida Vale pub m watch live Sky coverage of the Test from Port of Spain. By then the West Indies had lost the toss to Gooch and were already striding to the wicket, arms swinging, heads — under maroon heimets — held high,

eyes alert.

Hardly had the measure steadied in my glass before Greenidge was gone, caught at his hip-pocket by Alec Stewart, the ice went clunk-click and Haynes flashed to Lamb at third slip — five for two. Next, as the impersonation of the recently-decessed Lev Yashin, down the leg-side, and Richardson was out for eight: by the time I was leg-side, and Richardson was out for eight; by the time I was ready to raise a toast in this excitement, Dujon, forgetting where his stumps were, had padded up and was leg-before to Small.

Honestly, be fair, I'd have been forgiven for thinking, looking at the scoreboard showing. West Indies 29 for five, that I'd already had too much to drink, I already had too much to drink, I
was relieved in hear that Ted
Dexter, arriving in Port of Spain
to be told the score, had to check
three times before he believed it
wasn't actually England betring.
Watching Sky, if it's not your
own dish, is a bit like backing a winner: you have no responsibility for anything and you get all the benefits. I saw my first Test cricket on television under not-dissimilar circumstances in Ireland in the early 1960s. Not yet having a set of our own, I used to sit in a neighbour's front room from 11.25am through the day watching. The lady of the house was so amazed at this, she even supplied me with lunch and afternoon tea as if I were

and afternoon ten as if I were some kind of paying guest. For the record, she was a Cricket-Hating English Woman.

I could do without Tony Greig, but he grows on you; and I could certainly do without Master Boycott telling me that a Jack Russell "miss" — eight feet over his head, six feet away and going at 90 miles an hour — was "easy". In the commentary box, maybe. Still, Boycott is one of the better explainers of the game anywhere in the world.

I did what every true Irishman who wasn't at Lansdowne

man who wasn't at Lansdowne Road on Saturday did: I pretended the game against Wales didn't really matter since the grand slam and triple crown were lost and, anyway, "they are two bad sides".

The heck they are. Ireland were brilliant. What these rugby writers don't understand is that the fastest thing on earth is an Irish rugby supporter changing his mind. By the first 10 minutes or so when we were 10 points

Patrik Boden, at the weekend.

Boden had given no notice of his

world-record potential; Backley was the one who had left his

calling card by falling just 1.64 metres short of the record when

Games gold medal last month.

Backley threw 86.02 metres in Auckland; Jan Zelezny's world record was 87.66 metres, before Boden, who until a formight ago had a best of 82.28 metres, took

had a best of 82.28 meues, we it out to 89.10 metres at a college it out to 89.10 metres at a college Texas. "I

heard," Backley said, with his typical dry wit.

"When I found out that the record had been broken I thought it might have been Kazuhiro Mizoguchi [personal best, 87.60 metres], but when I heard it was Boden it came as a transportation of the property of the said of the

tremendous shock. It means the

race is on for 90 metres and I am

just pleased to know that I can still be the first through that

barrier.

winning the Common

Henry Kelly, the journalist and broadcaster, with a personal appraisal of the week's sport on

up, I was full of it: "That's the stuff lads"; "Yippee, another one"; "Easy on now, boys, remember they're visitors"; and

I also have this theory that we could programme a game of rugby for the BBC's great Bill McLaren. We wouldn't need to have any players—just Bill with the lists of the two teams saying things like: "And Murphy hoists, a good one with the wind, finds touch... inv word, that finds touch . . . iny word, that was a good one and his father, the great Noel, and all the boys in Cork Constitution will give that one a cheer, I'll bet."

You see, we don't need rugby once we have Uncle Bill telling us not just what's happening on the field of play but how it's all being received miles away in the bumble bars of rural Ireland and the valleys and hills of Wales.

I was relieved at the sporting events not being covered by any television channel, satellite or terrestrial. There was, merci-fully no coverage of syn-chronized swimming from Crystal Palace; not a frame was shown of canocing, though while I'm on this subject I might mention that there's a cult sport following to he had for free for the first station brave enough to cover mea's handball. If you haven't seen mea's handball played properly, you haven't lived. It's like pelota, only not so

I watched the World Cup snooker final from Bourne-mouth and once again mar-velled at Cliff Thorburn and Dennis Taylor managing to finish a game at all. Considering, the number of times Cliff twiddles his moustache before hit-ting the ball, I suppose we should be thankful be hasn't got a beard. Still, it was all

Finally, I watched the opening days of the Flat Racing season on Channel Four, professionally done as ever with a team led by Brough Scott, whose television style is to appear to release the time of the next race as if it were strictly information.

Try as the lads might, I'm afraid that coming hard on the heels of the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival, the opening of the Flat was a bit like coming from spending a night on the town with Alex Higgins to a weekend in Eastbourne with Steve Davis

leading

In his first season as a manager, Jordan took City to the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals, losing to Notringham Forest in extra time, but faced antagonism from the terraces when be failed to win pro-

Supporters to fight election

Northern Ireland have achieved only two wins in the Council's decision to refuse the club planning permission for a return to the Valley from Selhurst Park, have launched a campaign to put up 60 candidates in all 32 wards of the borough for the Greenwich Borough Council elections in May.

The Valley Party plan a high profile campaign which will include putting posters throughout the borough to remind Greenwich people of the 69 year relationship between the football club and the community.

prepared to gamble on one or two of the newcomers, it will be surprising if he omits any of his

a revival By a Special Correspondent

sacrifice and the club was recon-stituted under a new board of

With money in the bank, and by repute one of the wealthiest clubs outside the first division, they are the clear favourites to regain a full vote as Football

directors were unhappy at one player be brought in on loan, the Welsh international, Andy Jooes, and he had to send him back to Charlton. It was a decision he insists the board

"It taught me winning promo-tion is more vital than anything cise," be said. "That is why, when we received wide acclaim for beating Chelsea in the FA Cup, I was relatively unmoved. "Some people are already talking as if we are up but there is a quarter of the season remaining and celebrations are premature."

Jordan is

TEN springs ago, Bristol City were dropping from the first division after four seasons and into bankruptcy. Their very existence was secured when eight players tore up their contracts in a unique act of self-

The sole playing survivor from that trauma is Rob Newman, aged 26, from Wiltshire, who takes them into a home game with Northampton Town tonight leading the third di-vision by three points with two games in hand.

League members.

Their manager is Joe Jordan, a much travelled Scot, with 52 international caps, who will be accompanying his national side to the World Cup finals in Italy.

In his first season as a members, Jordan took, City to

Now aged 38 and sitting on Now aged 38 and string on the offer of a three-year contract, he has few illusions left, for, at a recent match, because of the shortage of players, he was forced to name himself as a substitute. This season the

were fully entitled to make.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC supporters, angry at Greenwich Council's decision to refuse the

· A late withdrawal from the Norwegian squad is Runey Bratseth, the captain. The defender, aged 29, is needed by his club, Werder Bremen, for a West German Cup match.

Help for

Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board's pitches consultant; is to be assisted by three deputies for the 1990

manager is bow he is going to deploy his troops. One area that

is going to demand all his acumen is midfield.

"I am heartened by the fact that Clarke, Quinn, Black sod the Wilson boys are scoring goals at club level and if they can

keep up the good work it may well be a memorable night for

Northern Ireland football,"

last 18 ioternationals.

Bingham has several options

open to him. While he may be

Bingham said.

Peter Marron, of Old Trafford, David Brindle, of Bristol, and Tom Flintoft, of Southampton, have been appointed to help the TCCB pitches committee when Brind's work as Surrey's head groundsman prevent him carrying out his consultancy duties.

Sports post

Canberra (Reuter) - Robert de Castella, the marathon runner, was appointed director of the government-financed Australian Institute of Sport yesterday. De Castella, a double Commonwealth Games champion, will continue running and aims to compete in his fourth Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992.

Mark Goult, the Bantamweight boxing champion, was still in a critical condition yesterday, six days after a hlood clot was removed from his brain following his Southern Area championship win

ionship win. Opening up Bucharest (AFP) - The Romanian Government gave ap-proval for martial arts to be

Chris Boardman, the doob Commonwealth Games cyclin bronze medal winner, is i Britain's team for the I,100-mil marathon starting on May 8.

Greek charge Athens (Renter) — Costar Kiape, an official of the Greel Football Federation, was re manded in custody on forger charges yesterday after starting dispute over allegations tha football matches were fixed.

Top skiers Kerr Slyth won the sislom ever at the British Universities skiir

championships at Aviemon yesterday. Claire Drysdale, o Aberdeen, won the women' Racket win

The unseeded Wellington paing of Hugo Cox and To nig of Hugo Cox and Ton Newman secured their place in the final of the Peter Gray Cup the junior colts' event of the public schools racket: championships at the Queen' Club yesterday with a straight games victory over the fourth seeds, John Etringham and Simon Croft-Reker. Simon Croft-Baker, Wellington

Takeover bid

Directors of third division Huddersfield Town are discuss-ing a proposed takeover bid by a consortium of West Yorkshire businessmen. The club's board have come under criticism after shareholders were told at the annual meeting of a loss of almost £300,000 last year.

ATHLETICS Backley raring to attack new record By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent STEVE BACKLEY, the World Cup javelin champion, reacted with a mixture of surprise and relief yesterday to the world-record throw of the Swede,

the world record last year, I was in shape to throw 87 to 88 metres in the Games and if I had accepted invitations to compete in the United States afterwards I would be up to those sort of marks. But I have taken the option to train and build up for the European championships which is the most important

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thing for me this summer."

Backley has never lost to
Boden and he is looking forward to their next encounter, most likely to be in one of the early grand prix meetings, in Brati-slava (June 20), Helsinki (June 27) or in front of Boden's home the day of the state of the sta the previous week, recording 82.84 metres, there was no suggestion of him even breaking one the all-time top 10. His record has still to be ratified by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Meanwhile, Mick Hill, the

Commonwealth javelin silver medal winner, is recovering in pospital after a knee operation.

SNOW REPORTS

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Brazil find a new magical potion naive. But results since he became Lineker and Shilton in particular Continental clubs. They have a THE BRAZILIAN magic has gone the first Brazilian manager to and Barnes can be a threat. It is a ready experienced for themselves that regrenable opinion is offered his reputation and his team, which by no less as nearly property of the medial approach which he's a truly great player." Even Lazaroni is instilling in his squad.

by no less an authority than Brazil's is regarded as one of the favourites manager. Sebastiao Lazaroni. But of the World Cup. He still bas bis critics. For on individual brilliance, he has instance, Socrates, the former capfound a more dependable formula with which to cast bewitching spells during the World Cup.

with which to cast bewitching spells during the World Cup.

Without diminishing the natural south American championship for ingredients of any Brazilian side, the soft touch and the graceful lost only three of their 23 fixtures. Their defeats were inflicted duratougher characteristics of power and ing a tour of Scandinavia last aggression more usually associated summer when they were severely with Europeans. The blend, he feels, depleted. At full strength they could lead to a triumphant conclusion in Rome's Olympic Stadium Cup hosts, and The Netherlands, who have otherwise remained unter the strength they conclude the soft of the strength they were severely conquered Italy, the World Cup hosts, and The Netherlands, who have otherwise remained unter the strength they came the Europeans.

"We are trying to find a better beaten since they became the Eurowe are trying to find a better beaten since they became the Euroequilibrium between attack and pean champions two years ago, in
lifefence," he says. "We have the their own backyards.

The relishes the opportunity to
find more competitive players to
fight, not with the fists but for another of the finalists he respects.

Tesults. It is important that we "We are grateful to play at Wemadjust our philosophy and I'm bley one of the most famous

There were misgivings in his own forms part of our preparation for a

From Clive White Dublin

WHILE an embarrassment of

writte an embarrassment of riches in the goalkeeping position continues to give Bobby Robson, the England manager, steepless nights, for the Republic of Ireland there is no such problem. Jack Charlton, their manager, announced yesterday that he would exclude the continuous of the c

hat he would probably include

only two goalkeepers among his squad of 22 for the World Cup finals in Italy this summer.

mals in Italy this summer.

"I can always call up a third if someone gets injured." he said on the eve of the B international between the two countries in Cork. Presumably Robson has already taken into account the FIFA rule which permits only goalkeepers to be added to the sound in the event of injury.

squad in the event of injury. Robson has admitted half-jok-

ingly that he may have to toss a coin to decide which two among Chris Woods, David Seaman and Dave Beasant will accompany Peter Shilton, his first

Today Seaman and Beasant will attempt to dispense with the

need for any recourse to pot luck when they play a half each. Beasant spoke for probably all three when he said: "It would be

a terrible blow to have got this

. At least Beasant should be on

an emotional high after the triumph by Chelsea at Wembley on Sunday in the Zenith Data Systems Cup final. That is in

stark contrast to Seaman whose dreams of joining Arsenal re-main exactly that after the exchange deal involving himself and John Lukic collapsed last

It is not many months ago that Beasant's hopes seemed to be plummeting along with Chel-sea as they slipped down the first division table. "I was getting a

hit worried when the goals were

flying in even though they were

not always down to me. I thought that I was playing well but that sort of thing can't do you any good," be said. Chelsea

have recovered their form not a

moment too soon as far as

Beasant's reputation is con-

cerned.
- Neither Beasant nor Seaman,

though, may get too many opportunities to steal a march

on one another against a march less experienced Republic side. The Irish have opted for youth and welcome the challenge it

and welcome the challenge it will receive from the likes of Tony Adams. Matthew Le Tissuer and possibly Nigel Clough and Tony Daley. Quinn, selected in the Irish attack, admitted that be would rather for the post about a power of the control of t

face just about any other centre

back than Adams, his former Arsenal colleague, of whom he has a rather different view than

A greater threat to the two

England goalkeepers is more likely to come from Alan McLoughlin, who has scored 16

BASKETBALL

many critics.

choice, in Italy.

far and miss out."

adjust our philosophy and I'm bley, one of the most famous feaching my players the reality of stadiums in the world, and I'm

though he has seen England play only on film, the style is familiar. It

has been, he says, since 1966.
"You changed football then.
Time and space became smaller and life was more difficult because there was less room to use technical skills. We are trying to change our attitude now as well but your fans shouldn't worry. At Wembley you will see true Brazilian football. Brazilian football. "I can't alter our philosophy. No one coach can. That would take IOO Aladdin. He has had problems but

one coach can. That wom.

coaches and 10 years. Anyway, why should I when I have 11 good players?" His only absentee is Romario, the leading scorer in The Netherlands, he chooses West Netherlands before he fractured a hone in his leg three weeks ago.

important player," tradition," as the other potential threats. he could be playing again in a Lazaroni graduated from being, fortnight, I telephoned him to tell in his own words, "a very bad him to take it easy and to be sure to be okay for Italy." Romario, of PSV Eindhoven, is only one of his and 1988) to the domestic title. As

European exiles. There were misgivings in his own forms part of our preparation for a fromeland when he took over a year hard World Cup.

Nine of the side he chose against managerial scale, he says that he is the Netherlands in Rotterdam in "confident" in his own new magical period.

We expect a difficult game. I like December, for example, belonged to potion.



Hidden talent: Two England players take cover in training but there will be no hiding against Brazil says Bobby Robson

the seniors' match against Wales in Dublin tomorrow but had decided that it was better to blood him at a "lower" level. Not so Bernie Slaven, of Middlesbrough, who will be given the chance to rid himself of his Wernbland discontinuation.

of his Wembley disappointment with his first international appearance. appearance.

REFURIA COFIRELAND B: G Kelly (Bury):
O Irwin (Oldham Athletic), J Begiln (Leede Lizd), P Scuilly (Arsensi), D Beszill (Manchester Utd) or L Deish (Cambridge Utd), A NicLoughlin (Swindon Town), M Milligen (Oldham Athletic), M Kelly (Portsmouth), B Maoney (Preston North End), D Kelly (Leicester City), N Ouinn (Manchester City).

Kelly (Leicester City), N Ouinn (Manchester City), ENGLAND B: D Beasant (Cheisea) or D Seaman (CPFI; L Dizon (Arsonal), A Linighan (Norwich City), A Adams (Arsonal), N Winterham (Arsonal), M La Trasier (Southampton), D Betty (Leeds Uti), C Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday), A Sinton (CFFI), D Attinuom (Sheffield Wednesday), P Williams (Charlton Atthetic).

Six full internationals are in the Scotland side which takes on Yugoslavia in the B international at Fir Park, Motherwell national at Fir Park, Motherwell tonight. Despite injuries, Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, has been able to name a strong line-up and is looking forward to seeing how the forward combination of Ray Stepben and Gordon Durie fares. England goalkeepers is more SCOTLAND B: a Guns (Norwich City); S Giztle (Chelsea), O McPherson (Hearts). McLoughlin, who has scored I D Wryte (Celtic, I Hoye (Interest Chy), P Great (S Swindon Town. Charlton (Cette, I Ferguson (Hangers), S Meanor (Hangers), S Meanor (Hangers), S Durie (Chefsea). Substitutes: to be amounced.

GOLF

Roberts is Bingham priority ruled out by Wales

Andy Jones, of Charlton Ath-letic, along with the Portsmouth defender, Gavin Maguire, who replaces the injured captain, Kevin Ratcliffe, of Everton.

Yorath had hoped to replace the injured Mark Hughes with the Watford forward, but he then discovered Roberts is likely to he ruled out for six weeks because of an inflamed pelvis. Instead, Yorath has drafted in

Owen Oyston, the majority shareholder, has been appointed chairman of Blackpool in succession to the local solicitor, Ken Chadwick, who resigned last week. One of his first duties will be to preside at tonight's annual general meeting when shareholders will be told of big losses by the club struggling for third division survival.

TERRY YORATH, the Wales manager, had to think of yet another name for his squad to face World Cup qualifiers, the Republic of Ireland, tomorrow,

BILLY BINGHAM put his much-changed Northern Ireland squad through an bourlong workout yesterday will start the match with the most experienced team he has at his disposal. The biggest problem for the when he was unable to add Iwan Roberts to his list.

long workout yesterday afternoon in preparation for the match against Norway at Windsor Park, Belfast, tonight — a first tentative step in the building to the European championship which gets underway later in the year. "Ideally I would have liked to have had my full complement of players together for this first

opening match but suspensions ruled out Norman Whiteside and Nigel Worthington," Bingham said. "And injuries have forced me to bring in Gary Fleming, Mark Todd and Raymond McCoy to replace Alan McDonald, Michael O'Neill and Bathing Devices. Robbie Dennison.

is to avoid defeat

By George Ace

"It is unfortunate but it does provide an opportunity to gauge the ability of players on the fringe in international com-

Bingham will strive to avoid a defeat. It seems certain that he

FOR THE RECORD

SCNLY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 18.34pm avgs; 2, N Fatco (GIS), 16.76; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 15.59; 4, C Strange (US), 14.11; 5, M Calcurectia (US), 12.78; 8, 1 Woosnam (GIS), 12.34; 7, P Azinger (US), 11.95; 8, P Sawart (US), 11.96; 9, J-M Olazábel (Sp), 11.28; 10, T Kine (US), 10.81, Other Bridsh placings; 15, A Lyle, 7,91. POA EUROPEAN TOUR: Money-winners: 1, E Romero (Arg), 272.369; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 207,087; 3, 1 Woosnam (GIS), 298,800; 4, E Darry (Eire), 256,877; 5, M Martin (Sp), 254,256; 8, V Fernanciar (Arg), 23.8716; 7, C O'Connor Jun (Intelligence (Arg), 253.716; 7, C O'Connor Jun (Intelligence (Arg), 272.8, M Person (Swe), 255,252; 9, O Februty (GIS), 233,362; 10, S McAllister (GIS), 234,355. ASSOCIATION (NEA): Mismi Alburuses Bucks 102: Dales 98, Detrok Pistons 96 (OT): Tierbenwalves 110, Portland Traff .739 -.867 S .529 14% .500 16% .471 18% .463 19 .250 33% HANDBALL BRITISH CUP FRIALS fot Coverary: Merc. Manchester United 22, Ruisip Engles 25. Plates Kirthy Select 26, Drympia Carmock 21. Women: Merchester United 14, Waterflash Metroe 18, Plate: Ruisip Engles 14, Greet Dane 25. ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (6941: New York Rangers 7, Priladalphia Piyers 3; Washington Capitals 4, Calgary Flames 1; New Jarsey Davis 4, Buffalo Sabres 3; Chicago Black Hawks 3, Detroit Red Wings 2; Harriord Whaters 4, Pistaburgh Panguine 2; Warnipeg Jets 3, Vencouver Canacks 3 (CT). | Pacific division | Pacific di WALES CONFERENCE CRICKET TOUR MATCH: Canbarra Grammar School Usels-13 89 (D Sales 7-24); Cusmor House preparatory School (Croydon) 90-6 (D Sales g) not ox). Cursoor House won by 4 wickers. CYCLING "Chicago Black Hawiss." "St Louis Bluse....." "Tgrento Maple Leafs... Minnesota North Stare... FENCING SHOOTING BISLEY: Greater London and South East Championship: 1, J Peachey (Old Johnson), 147.19; 2, D Harvey (London University), 148.13; 3, T Watters (Falcons RC), 145.15.

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RACKETS

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RUGBY LEAGUE BRITISH STUDENTS PREMIERSHIP FINAL LEGGS Polyteches 44, Liverpool University 24, **RUGBY UNION** NORTH MIDLANDS CUP: Fluid Here

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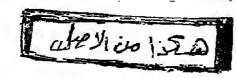


SPORT IN BRIEF

Team man **Brind**

Fighting on

practised for the first time, in an official announcement made yesterday. Under the Ceausescus only judo was officially allowed.



Smith

We have followed their pre-

race advice almost to the letter

and their forecasts have been

bang on. Indeed, up until

yesterday, our course and

distance have matched their

earlier predictions to within

If the weather continues to

mirror their forecasts for the

rest of the leg, I will never say

a bad thing about weathermen

again. David Houghton, who

retired last year as director of

the Weather Centre at

Bracknell, has been advising

us throughout the race, and

Badham, a New Zealander,

joined the team in time to

advise us for the third stage of

the race from Fremantle.

Roger worked alongside me in

the Kookaburra America's

Cup challenge and we have

been kicking ourselves for not

following his advice during the last stage round Cape

"Whatever you do, stay up above 55 south," he told us when departing New Zealand. Instead, we followed the pack

down to 60 south and lost two

days. That lesson cost us dearly but gave me enormous

faith in his and David's long-

The next big test, for our

nerves as much as their fore-

casts, comes later this week

when we run out of wiod io

the Doldrums. We are su-

premely confident in their predictions for where this

band of calm is at its narrow-

est but we will all be sleeping

term predictions.

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● FOOTBALL: BRAZIL IN DECLINE 41

THE TIMES SPORT

Robson tells his men to temper their aggression

issued a stern warning to the adventure. Brazilians. The champions of South America should not he was praised for his sporting Pearee, McMahon and expect to be able to coast, or reaction to the infamous "soft shoe shuffle", as the Argentina goal scored by the England manager poetically hands of Maradona and God describes their approach to four years ago, Robson recent games on the Conti- learned that violent tackles ment, during the international

at Wembley tomorrow night. "We won't soft shoe shuf-fle," he said. "We don't play that way and we wouldn't governing body. want to, anyway, in front of a full house. People will expect a high performance from us and that is what we intend to give. Besides, there are one or two players still competing for

their places. "We weren't in second gear tried to go out there and beat more important." them. It was the same against Yugoslavia in December and we did beat them with brisk, adventurous football, not the conservative way. Brazil have concentrated more on not losing than winning."

of caution. As well as telling those in his side who are reputed to be England's hard circumspect. men to temper their aggression, he has instructed the

World Cup crackdown

TIRRENIA, Italy (Reuter) - Federation (FIFA) workshop Officials refereeing this sum- last week, officials said refmer's World Cup matches in erees would be ordered to Italy gathered near Pisa yes- punish violent play severely, terday for a three-day meeting to ensure uniform refereeing

BOBBY ROBSON yesterday whole side to limit the sense of world Cup you have to be issued a stern warning to the adventure. World Cup you have to be Last week in Zurich, where hard but fair. That is all

will not be tolerated during the World Cup. Referees are this week receiving their instructions from FIFA, the game's

What happens in World Cup will set the tone for the next four years," Sepp Blatter, FIFA's secretary, said in Switzerland. "We are the window to the world and I doo't care how many yellow cards there are during the against Italy in November. We tournament. The game is

Nn Englishman is more likely to be punished this summer than Pearce. With two rash lunges, he threatened to dismember Donadoni and Stoikovic, the leading lights of Italy and Yugoslavia respec-But his fighting talk is laced tively, in the last two inter-with a couple of his own notes nationals and Robson tively, in the last two interrecognizes that his left back will need to be more

He said: "You can get away best side I've seen over the last with it in our League but in the 18 months." Robson indicated that Brazil's central core is so powerful that he intends to pierce them oo the flanks. Barnes and Waddle, therefore, will probably both be selected not only to spread England's attack hut also to occupy full backs who

are the principal creative sources at the back.

Butcher have to do. We

mustn't stop tackling, otherwise people will go past us.

iards have defenders who are vigorous tacklers, like us, and

the West Germans are no

slouches either. I just hope that the directives to the

World Cup referees are sen-

sible and that they punish only

tackles that are either late,

Although Robson has seen

Brazil engaged in half-hearted fixtures, he respects both the strength of their defence and the incisive nature of their

attack. In attempting to break

down a sweeper system which

has cracked only twice in 14

games, England must guard

"There is a danger that you get over-stretched and sucked

in. They have the artistry, the

speed and the imagination to

hit you on the break. When

they did go forward against Italy and The Netherlands,

they looked potentially very

dangerous and they are the

high or dangerous."

against the counter.

"The Italians and the Span-

At an International Football ing crowd violence. Maradona pulls out of game against Scotland

and that players attempting

tackles from behind should be

sent off. They will also receive

ARGENTINA'S World Cup this week, he was instead captain, Diego Maradona, has heading east, to Japan, for a

dealt an unexpected blow to Scotland's preparations for ball with his family, the World Cup finals in Italy "I'm on holiday, The midfield inspiration

tory in the 1986 tournament in Mexico has pulled out of the South Americans' international match with Scotland at Hampden Park tomorrow

After leading his club, Napoli, to a 3-1 win over Juventus on Sunday that keeps hopes of a second Italian league title intact, he announced that instead of heading north, to Glasgow, belated claim to a seat oo the

By a Special Correspondent week's break away from foot-

"I'm on holiday," he told reporters at Rome's Fiumi- is, with McCall, part of an cino airport. He is also due to experimental line-up named behind the Argentinians' vic-fulfill an advertising cootract by the Scotland coach Andy in Japan.

With Maradona now a ooostarter, the Heart of Midlothian central defender, Craig Levein, now faces a potentially gentler introduction to

the international stage. He, alongside the Evertoo midfield player, Stuart McCall, is set to make his international debut for Scotland tomorrow, and stake a

Only JAL have installed a seat that

is a breakthrough in design. Amongst

other factures it is wider, has special

lumbar support and can recline further

than before. New Executive Class is

available un nun-stup flights from the

beginning of April.

plane to Italy in the summer.

Levein, aged 25, and coveted by a series of clubs south of the border until his career was almost cut short by injury,

the arena," Roxburgh said of the two players."This match against Argentina and next month's game with East Germany are all about learning. Our approach is geared tofor individuals, or combina-

What is the point of beating Argentina and then losing

Two of Levein's initial visitors in hospital, after the first of several operations on damaged koce ligaments, were Roxburgh and his assistant Craig Brown, Roxburgh said: "It is a remarkable achievement that he has managed to reach this stage again after almost two years on crutches.

wouldn't have given tuppence for his chances of coming back. It's tremendous that he has recovered so well." Of McCall, he said: "He has

nated by Peter Reid at Everton, but now he has developed into a typical Scottish midfielder who can pass". The changes may not stop with the inclusion of Levein and McCall. Despite their superb showing during the

looked jaded of late. Robert Fleck and Alan McInally may, therefore,

Roxburgh. "It's time to push them ioto wards Italy and we are looking

tions, which can help us.

"When Craig and I went to see him in hospital, you

matured. He used to be domi-

qualifying rounds, the Rangers pairing of Ally McCoist and Maurice Johnston have

come into the picture.

Beefeater Boat Race at Putney yesterday. Heathcote, who celebrated his 27th birthday this week, stands 6ft 5in tall and spent five years of his life as an army commando before

to Costa Rica in the World Cup? We have got to use these games to learn things."

> Boat Race crews CAMBRIDGE: R C Young (Bedford and Downing), 12st 13b, bow; R J Steise (Prince Henry's and St Catharine's), 11st 3b; B E Hole (Foster's Grammer and Schwyn), 13st 3b; E C Clark (Shrawsbury and Trinity), 11st 10b; P M Mant' (Cheltanham and Schwyn), 14st 3b; G R Pooley' (Berfdramstead, Imperial College and St John's), 12st 11b; S L Fowler (Elon and Robinson), 12st 12b; A J Wright (long Edward V), Norwich and Corpus Christi), 13st 2b, stroke; L Ross-Nagasity (Godolphin and Latymer and New Hall), 7st 10b, cox.

bridge last year, was the

previous heaviest competitor

Bot Heathcote appreciates Richard Staite, at 11st 3lb, is

at 16st 11lb.

DAVID BRAZIER made full use of his local knnwledge as he joined his fellow Petworth member, Julian Wilkinson, in

(Hampton and St Catherine's), 13et 12b; II J Miller III (Syracuse University, US and University), 14et 13b; M & Pinsent (Eton and St Catherine's), 15et 7b; R A hisi* (Wymondham College, Robinson College Cambridge and Oriel), 13et 13b; C J Heathcote (Albrabows and Jesus), 17st 5b; J W & Searle (Hampton and Christ Church), 13et 10b; M P Gaffrey* (US Navel Academy and Hertford), 15et 4b, strole; M W Watts (Westminster and Chiel), 7st 5b; cor.

"denotes a Blue

Sizing things up: Heathcote with the coxes, Watts (left) and Ross-Magenty, yesterday

Heavyweight advantage By Mike Rosewell CHRIS HEATHCOTE, the that weight is not all im- the lightest competitor since Oxford No. 6, scaled a record portant. "You don't want to Peter Webb rowed for Cam-

17st 51b at the weigh-in for the carry too much over 41/4 bridge in 1963 at 11st. miles," he said.

The Oxford crew weight of On the water rather than the scales, Cambridge spent the 14st 12lb per man is also a day oo techniqoe aod record for the event, being half "sharpening exercises"; their finishing coach, Mark Lees, a pound per man heavier than their 1988 crew. Cambridge, feeling that they needed short, going to Oxford. Toby Back- meanwhile, are threatening sharp work after their appearhouse, who rowed for Cam- records at the other end of the ance in the Tideway Head oo spectrum. Their crew weight Saturday. of 12st 101/2lb is the lightest since 1963 and their No. 2,

The crew's finishes have clearly improved over the last week at the lower ratings, but at higher ratings the boat tends to check and more run is

Oxford had a quiet morning excursion before a delayed evening outing with their re-serve crew, Isis. Both crews will be concentrating on stake hoat start practice this

The 136th University Boat Race is due to start from Putney at 4.30pm on Saturday

morning.

lined his dominance in the

qualifying for the George Wimpey British Amateur Real

Tennis championships at Petworth (Sally Jones writes). Brazier, a former England squash international, fought back from ooe et down to defeat the lively left-hander, Barry Clive, in a fascinating

battle, then beat Alan Goulty, of MCC, in straight sets. He now meets yet Andrew Page in the first round of the Amateur itself, which starts nn Saturday at Queen's cluh.

RESEATS: First round: J Miller bt W Coghtan, 6-1, 6-1. Second round: A Goulty bt J Miller. 8-5, 6-4; Il Brazier bt 2 Citve, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. Tahrd round: Brazier bt Goulty, 6-3, 6-3.

● The World Nn. I, Lachlan Deuchar, of Australia, under-

final of the George Wimpey Scottish Opeo Real Tennis Championships at Troon, dropping only one game to the World No. 1 amateur, Julian

RESULTS: Send-finals (GS unless stated): L. Deuchar (Aus) bt P Tabley (Aus), 6-4, 6-1; J Snow bt C Ronaldson, 6-3, 6-5. Final: Deuchar bt Snow, 6-0, 6-1, Deuchar send-finals; J Snow and K King bt K Sheldon and J Howell, 6-3, 5-6, 6-5. Final: Deuchar and Ronaldson bt Snow and King, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The long and the short of it Doing business with the brisk trade winds or se

THE GODS have answered my prayers—or most of them.
Our tactic to work out to the east of the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet during this 68h law from Hermany 10 this fifth leg from Uruguay to Fort Laoderdale has paid off. The skipper of Rothman sends his third report on the Over the weekend the stronger trade winds experienced 500 fifth stage of the Whithread miles off the Brazilian coast Round the World Race. have lifted us from eighth to

For the first time during this race we are in the driving seat, 79 miles ahead of Peter Blake's New Zealand ketch. Steinlager 2, and sailing elosehauled on a direct course for Recife, the first turning point on this 5,500-mile leg. Morale oo board has been sky-high all weekend. We are on a roll and as each satellite pass shows us pulling further ahead, enthusiasm on board for even the most menial tasks climbs to fresh heights. All of a suddeo, the heat and humidity no longer sap our strength and

There is oo room yet for complacency, though, First, the Doldrums, theo holes in the north-east trades could yet lose us all we have gained. But the history of this race is that the winds have invariably favoured the leader. The Doldrums, in particular, can be likened to a traffie jam on a motorway. The first ooe to clear often opens up an even greater distance on those following behind. That was how Steinlager got the drop on us during the first leg and, if Lady Luck continues to smile at us, we expect to pull out a further 60 to 100 miles before

the finish.

Our leap up the standings reminds me of that famous quip from my golfing hero, Gary Player: "It's funny, but the more I practise, the better my luck seems to be." For this particular run of luck, we can thank the research carried out by Rothmans' two weather gurus, Roger Badham and David Houghton.





Smith leaving the world in his wake

By Barry Pickthall

Rothmans out to the eastern leap up the standings.
side of the Whitbread race Further hack, Patrick side of the Whitbread race Further hack, Patrick fleet as the 22 yachts headed Tabarty's L'Esprit de Liberté north towards the Equator.

British pace-setter had opened small boat division.

each successive day.
Yesterday the headwinds that helped Smith and his

The joint Services entry, Satquote British Defender,

"FORTUNE favours the dropped to eighth yesterday bold" was how officials but has also moved out to the described the result of Lawrie east of the fleet in the expecta-Smith's decision to take tion of emulating Rothmans'

. has recaptured the lead in the By noon yesterday, Smith's struggle developing within the

British pace-setter had opened up a 79-mile lead over Peter Blake's second-placed New Zealand challenger, Steinlager 2, leaving Fisher & Paykel, Merit and Ireland's NCB in her wake. Rothmans' position appears to look better with appears to look better with 1828 9. Beknort Finland (Ireland 1828). appears to look better with each successive day.

Yesterday the headwinds that helped Smith and his crew consolidate their lead over the weekend swung back to the south-east, easing their course for Recife at the northeast corner of Brazil, where the fleet will set a new course north-westwards for the West Indies.

The joint Services entry,

Dutrageous genius under threat of final frame

By Steve Acteson

THE GUILD HALL, Preston, has been witness to the extremes that mark out the outrageous snooker career of Alex "Hurricane" Higgins, whose playing genius and wanton behaviour have enthralled and infuriated in turn.

It was the venue for his achievement of the seemingly impossible recovering from being 7-0 down to defeat the then almost invincible Steve Davis in the 1983 United Kingdom championship final, Higgins was truly marvellous.

Three years later he seemingly got away with the impossible yet again at the same hall and the same tournament after his notorious head-butting of the tournament director, Paul Hatherell. On that occasion Higgins was truly

He received no more than a five-tournament ban and a £12,000 fine for that offence, instead of the sine die suspensioo that many expected and some actively craved.

Today Higgins, now aged 41, and twice world champion, will hope to triumph once more in adversity when he plays James Wattana, the That prodigy, over the best of 19 frames for a place in oext month's Embassy world ehampionship finals at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

The adversity would appear to be all of his own making once again, for some time this week the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Associatioo will receive an official complaint from Dennis Taylor that his Northern Ireland team-mate, Higgins, said to him, among other things, "next time you come to Northern Ireland I will have you shot," during their defeat by Canada

in the British Car Rental World Cup

final in Bournemouth on Saturday. The remark was heard by John Spencer, the chairman of the WPBSA. It seems likely that Higgins will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute yet again, but, most probably, the matter will then be sent before an independent disciplinary tribunal. If that should happen and Higgins loses today, he could be making his last sad appearance in a

tournament on all but Irish soil. To threaten a fellow professional in such a way - if the accusation is proveo - must surely have a terminal effect on his career.

Yesterday Higgins withdrew his remarks, saying: "I wish to apologize for the remarks made to Dennis Taylor, said in the heat of the moment, and which I now publicly retract. I very much regret my

"In this tournament I was oot playing for Alex Higgins, or financial gain - my heart was in doing my very best for my country."

Before Saturday's outburst Higgins had said: "I'm desperate to get through to Sheffield. It hurt me so much that I didn't make it through for the first time last year and had to watch on television.

"People have said that I'm finished but going up from No. 24 to No. 13 oo the rankings proves I've still got the talent and the willpower to succeed. The most important thing, however, is that I still love the game."

Applause can be a drug and as his ability wanes Higgins appears to find his fixes in ever more tawdry ways. His repeated insistence that opponents constantly stand up while he is at the table are difficult to understand, as he does it, too. His opponents do it for the same reason as he does, simple anxiety over what may be going on at the table to their detriment but beyond their control.

It is a paradox that when, on Friday, Higgins begins his defence of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters that he won in such fine style and seemingly against all odds last year, that his opponent may well be Taylor. Tomorrow Taylor plays the Canadian captain, Cliff Thomburn, for that privilege.

Should it prove to be Higgins versus Taylor in front of the most excitable crowd that snooker attracts, at Goffs, County Kildare, a short drive from Dublin, then the atmosphere will be remarkable. It will be rich box office, but then

Higgins has always been just that.